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In accordance with custom, the "Hongkong Telegraph" will not be published to-morrow, Christmas Day, but will resume publication as usual on Boxing Day. The management, editor and staff of the "Hongkong Telegraph" wish their readers a happy Christmas, and a New Year which will bring peace and prosperity to the world and this Colony.

CHIMARA FALLS: —OFFICIAL

Entire Garrison Surrenders.

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Dec. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that Chimara was occupied by Greek troops at dusk last night after the defences on the outskirts of the city had been shelled for 48 hours.

It is also officially announced that the entire garrison of 153rd battalion of the Blackshirts surrendered including 800 men and 30 officers.

Ex-King Carol A Prisoner

Feared Life Is In Danger

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—"I have good reason for believing that ex-King Carol's life is actually endangered. He is detained in the Andalusian Hotel at Seville by order of Senor Serrano-Suñer, Spanish Minister of the Interior, acting under pressure from Berlin. He cannot move or make any plans."

This dramatic statement was made to "Reuter" to-night by the former Rumanian Minister in London, M. V. V. Tilen, now leader of the Free Rumanian Movement.

"Unjustified Treatment"

"I want to make it clear," declared M. Tilen, "that the Free Rumanian Movement does not propose to have anything to do with ex-King Carol and I am not in direct touch with him, but my information comes from reliable sources and I feel that a protest against this totally unjustified treatment of a private individual is urgently called for."

"Suner has ex-King Carol to thank for his life because he was given refuge in the Rumanian Legation in Madrid and Carol refused to give him up despite tremendous pressure from Barcelona."

"If Carol had given way Suner would certainly have met his death then."

"There is no just reason for not allowing Carol to go. He has given his word not to mix in politics for the duration of the war but the Spanish Government refuses to let him move."

BOMBING IRELAND

Enemy Planes Do No Damage

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The dropping of bombs in Northern Ireland is announced in an official statement by the Northern Ireland Ministry of Public Security.

The statement says: "On several occasions during the past week, enemy aircraft have been identified operating over Northern Ireland. Bombs have been dropped, all of which fell in open country. No damage was caused, and there were no casualties."

ITALIAN AIR BASES IN LIBYA SMASHED BY ROYAL AIR FORCE

CAIRO, DEC. 23 (REUTER).—A BIG ONSLAUGHT BY THE R.A.F. ON ITALIAN AIR BASES BEHIND THE LIBYAN WAR FRONT IS REPORTED IN TO-DAY'S R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE AS WELL AS A BIG AIR BATTLE IN ALBANIA.

AERODROMES AT BERKA AND BENINA—TWO MAIN REINFORCEMENT AERODROMES NEAR BENGHAZI—WERE HEAVILY

raided on the night of December 21. Big fires were started at Berka while at Benina three hangars were left burning and badly damaged. Aircraft on the ground were machine-gunned from 500 feet.

Considerable damage was caused on the same night at the Italian stronghold of Tobruk where British bombers attacked the harbour and military objectives.

A fierce air battle took place over Argyro-Castron between nine British fighters and over 50 Italian planes. Eight enemy fighters were definitely shot down and three more were probably destroyed. Two British planes were lost.

Pilot Machine-Gunned

The R.A.F. communique continues: "The pilot of one British plane was machine-gunned by Italian fighters while he was descending by parachute. He died half an hour after he was found from wounds received during his parachute descent."

"It is placed on record that this is the second occasion since hostilities began in the Middle East that irrefutable evidence has been received of an R.A.F. pilot having been machine-gunned while making a parachute descent. This follows the practice Italian pilots adopted in the Spanish War."

The communique adds that oil wells at Kucove in central Albania were raided by R.A.F. bombers on Sunday. One enemy aircraft is believed to have been shot down and two British aircraft failed to return.

Artillery Harasses Italians

Waiting Game In Libya

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (UP).—A General headquarters communique states: "Our artillery continues to harass the enemy at Bardia. Prisoners from the evacuated main Sidi Barrani area now total 35,949 including 1,704 officers. Several thousand more are still waiting to be transported."

"West of Gallabat our artillery has been active."

"On the northern frontier of Kenya the offensive and patrolling continues."

Waiting Game

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—British forces in Libya are playing a waiting game.

Apart from a steady stream of reinforcements, consolidating positions around Bardia and intermittent shelling, there is nothing further to report.

ENEMY RAIDED

Mannheim's Seventh Visit From R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Spreading wastes of flame were seen by R.A.F. pilots after dropping their bombs in Sunday night's raid on Mannheim.

Most damage was done in the neighbourhood of the main railway station but there was also damage on the Ludwigsaven side of the Rhine.

The raid was the seventh on Mannheim since the beginning of December. It is already known from sources other than reports of British pilots that great damage was done in earlier raids which were by no means the most severe.

Barges Hit

Rhine harbour was hit and barges were sunk, and it is revealed that the traffic which helps to give Mannheim its position as the most important industrial centre in south-west Germany was seriously impeded.

Mannheim is also a vital railway junction and traffic to France had to be diverted to another and less satisfactory line.

9 Feared Dead In Tokyo Blaze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Domei).—Nine persons were believed to have been burnt to death and eight received injuries early this morning, when a fire which started from a cafe in Shiba Ward destroyed two houses and partially damaged another.

The fire was extinguished at 2 a.m. Nine persons were found to be missing after the fire had been put out.

Japanese Slain In Shanghai

Three Chinese With Knives

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Yet another Japanese serviceman has been murdered in the Japanese-controlled area in Shanghai.

The fourteenth Japanese victim in recent weeks is Satoshi Miyazaki, of the Japanese Consular Police, who was "brutally murdered by three unidentified Chinese last Friday night" in Nantao, the Japanese-occupied district adjoining the French Concession, according to the Japanese press.

Fifteen slashes were found on Miyazaki when he was picked up. He was rushed to hospital, where he died shortly afterwards.

It is believed that he was attacked with a meat chopper.

SHELTER HIT

MANCHESTER, Dec. 23 (UP).—A high explosive bomb hit a shelter last night in which 450 persons were housed. It is believed there were several casualties.

Manchester Casualties

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The number of fatal casualties in the raid on Manchester on Sunday night was comparatively small in view of the severity of the attack. It is stated to-night.

House Of Commons Hit By Bomb

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—It is revealed that during a recent German raid, a bomb crashed on the Houses of Parliament within a few yards of the Chamber of the House of Commons, wrecking the 600-year-old St. Stephen's cloisters, while other extensive damage was caused.

Empire Air Scheme Is Ahead Of Schedule

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada is well ahead of schedule, it was revealed to-day by Colonel J. L. Ralston, Canadian Minister of Defence, who is visiting England for discussions with the Government and the military authorities.

Colonel Ralston said that the Air Training Scheme called for 104 schools and institutions of various sorts by next autumn. "I am in a position to say that these establishments will be completed six months earlier than the programme."

Canada would be spending on the scheme three times more than was called for and the number of graduates from the air training establishment would be doubled.

Plans for aerodrome development would be completed before December



Churchill's Dramatic Appeal To The Italian Nation

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A dramatic appeal to the Italian nation to disavow Mussolini and to follow the House of Savoy was made by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, broadcasting from London to-night.

Mr Churchill also revealed for the first time that messages had passed between him and Il Duce just prior to Italy's entry into the war—messages which disclosed that Italy only took up arms against Britain because of her treaty with Germany.

"To-night," said Mr Churchill, "I speak to the Italian people and I speak to you from London, the heart of the British islands and of the British Commonwealth and Empire. I speak to you what diplomats call words of great truth and respect."

"We are at war—that is a very strange and terrible thought."

Always Been Friends

"Whoever would imagine until the last few melancholy years that the British and Italian nations would be trying to destroy one another? We have always been friends. We were the champions of the Italian renaissance. We were partisans of Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour. All that great movement towards the liberty of the Italian nation which lighted the 19th century was aided and was hailed by the British Parliament and public."

"Our fathers and our grandfathers longed to see Italy freed from the Austrian yoke and to see all minor barriers in Italy swept away so that the Italian people and their fair land might take their honoured place as one of the leading Powers upon the continent, and as a brilliant and gifted member of the family of Europe and of Christendom."

Last War Recalled

"We have never been your foes until now. In the last war against the barbarous Huns we were your comrades. For 15 years after that war we were your friends. Although the institutions which you adopted

after the war were not akin to ours and diverged, as we think, from the sovereign impulses which had commanded the unity of Italy, we could still walk together in peace and goodwill."

"Many thousands of our people dwell with you in Italy. We liked each other, we got on well together. There were reciprocal services; there was unity; there was esteem. And now we are at war now we are condemned to work each other's ruin. Our aviators are tearing and will tear your African Empire to shreds, and tatters."

"We are now only at the beginning of this sombre tale. Who can say where it will end? Presently we shall be forced to come to much closer grips."

One Man Responsible

"How has all this come about and what is it all for?"

"Italians, I will tell you the truth. It is all because of one man. One man and one man alone has ranged the Italian people in a deadly struggle against the British Empire and has deprived Italy of the sympathy and intimacy of the United States of America."

"That he is a great man I do not deny, but that after 18 years of unbridled power he has led your country to the horrid verge of ruin can be denied by none."

"It is all one man who against the crown and the Royal family, against the Pope and all the authority of the Vatican and of the Roman Catholic Church, has led your country to this point."

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Furness Millions Heir Missing, Believed Dead

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A British officer who was reported "missing, believed dead," is named the chief heir to the Furness millions.

He is the Hon. Christopher Furness, son of Viscount Furness, shipbuilder and industrialist, who died in October, leaving an untaxed estate valued at over £3,661,000, of which £1,850,000 estate duty has been paid.

Viscount Furness left seven-eighths of the residue of his property on trust for his son Christopher.

It was revealed here to-day that in spite of far-reaching inquiries, no news of Christopher has been received since he fell leading his platoon in France on May 24. No one has seen him since. There is no information of his being a prisoner of war. Inquiries in France have had no result.

It is considered that succession to the title cannot be determined until the end of the war. In the event of the death of Christopher Furness being presumed, the new Lord Furness will be the 11-year-old William Anthony, son of the Viscount by his second wife, now Mrs Thelma Converse. William Anthony was bequeathed the remaining eighth of the residue of the Viscount's property.

MEN WHO BOMB THE ITALIANS

Here are some of the R.A.F. men who have been wrecking havoc among the retreating Italians in Libya and also devastating the Italian supply bases. They were being addressed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore when this picture was taken.



Mr Eden's Message To The Army

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—In the final reckoning with Hitler, the Army will have a decisive part to play, Mr Eden declared in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on leaving the War Office to assume the Foreign Secretaryship.

To all ranks Mr Eden expressed deep gratitude for their loyal, cheerful and unflinching help during a period which had had no parallel in history.

Referring to the Egyptian campaign, Mr Eden declared that the Army of the Nile's brilliant victory was the first reward of much patient effort no less than of dash and daring. The quality of the Army of the Middle East to command success has been proved in Africa as one day it would be proved in Europe.

LATEST

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TOOK DEAD MAN'S IDENTITY

German Landed In Britain

The story of a German impersonating an Englishman, whose name appears on the roll of honour of a war memorial in a little Sussex village, was told at West London Police Court recently.

A man, described on the charge sheet as Ernst Ehrensperger (49), a German, alias Ernest Clark, of Avonmore Road, West Kensington, London, was sentenced to four months imprisonment for landing in the United Kingdom without leave of the immigration officer. He was further charged with failing to furnish to the registration officer particulars as set out in the schedule of the Aliens Order.

Sentencing Ehrensperger, the Magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, K.C., remarked:—"To hear of a case like this causes me a certain amount of uneasiness. What happens to you eventually is none of my business."

Mr C. Melville, prosecuting, said that this German came to England in 1933, and after registering at Bow Street in the name of Ehrensperger, a German born at Munich, was permitted to remain until 1934, when he left the country.

He had no permission to enter the country since, added Mr Melville, but, according to his own story, he returned last September, using the name of Ernest Leslie Clark, and entering on a passport issued by the British Consul in Ostend.

He was seen on August 14 by a detective-sergeant of the Special Branch, and he produced an identity card signed in the name of Clark. He also produced a birth certificate in that name.

"Police officers have made inquiries in a village in Sussex," said Mr Melville, "and they have discovered that this Ernest Clark, whom he claims to be, was killed in action in the last war, in 1917. His name is inscribed on the war memorial, and his brother is in Court."

Two Sets Of Lies
Sergeant Garrett told Mr Leslie Smith, defending, that at Bow Street in 1933, extradition proceedings were taken by the Berlin Police against Ehrensperger, but the case was dismissed. Mr Smith declared that Ehrensperger maintained that that was a trick to get him back because he was politically opposed to the Nazis.

Ehrensperger had told two sets of lies to get into this country, because he was, in his own words, "a hunted dog." He said that in his youth he was known as Ernst Seldi, and lived in Munich with his parents, who were wealthy. He was educated at the High School, and subsequently at Munich University.

No Birth Entry
At the age of 21 he tried to get a passport. No entry of his birth in Germany could be found, and his request was refused. His parents told him that they had adopted him when he was three when they visited England, and that his real name was Clark.

When in Britain in 1936 he examined the Somerset House Records, and obtained a copy of the birth certificate of a man named Ernest Leslie Clark, who was born in a village near Titchhurst, Sussex, because he thought it was probably himself. He still genuinely believed that his name was Clark, but could not prove it.

Mr Bennett said that there was not a document which could check Ehrensperger's story.

UNITED ECONOMIC FRONT To Protect Investments

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP)—A united economic front between the United States and Great Britain to protect investments in the Latin American Republics was urged recently by Eugene P. Thomas, president of the National Foreign Trade Council.

The programme, he said, should be linked with defence measures. One of the chief tasks in such an economic front, he added, would be to relieve the Latin-American countries of surpluses.

DIET FOR FINICKY CHILDREN

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HOOVER DAM HURLS FLOOD

A mighty, man-made torrent of 30,000,000 gallons of water a minute was recently unleashed from Hoover Dam.

A touch of a button created the spectacle, observed by more than 20,000 persons assembled for the fourth anniversary of power generation at the project.

Eleven Valves Open

The button was pushed by Irving Harris, director of power, and it opened all but one of the 12 giant outlet valves in the Boulder Canyon walls.

Each of the valves throws an eight and one-half-foot stream of water.

The mighty cascade descends in a fall greater by 13 feet than that of world-famed Niagara.

Like a well-planned, perfectly timed production of stage or screen the spectacle was unfolded as one at a time the valves were opened.

Thunderous Voice

The cascading water set up a rumbling roar. As additional valves were opened the noise grew louder. Soon the din blotted out all sound save its own thunderous voice.

Half of the valves open on the Nevada side of the project, the other half on the Arizona section.

The cascades met in midair, 150 feet above the stream bed, creating a geyser which spattered water for thousands of feet, drenching many spectators and producing a heavy mist which made it necessary for motorists around the area to bring windshield wipers into action.

Engineers See Test

A glinting sun shining through the mist produced double rainbows in profusion, adding to the lavishness of the show.

The valve opening, witnessed by a special delegation of Los Angeles engineers flying over the dam in a TWA airliner, was held as a test operation to make certain they are all in working order and ready to be utilised in case of emergency.

Harris emphasized at the brief ceremony that contrary to some reports the dam is not closed to the public, spectators being freely welcomed at any time.

More Nazis For Prague

Another 30,000 Germans are to be billeted on the citizens of Prague. The city is now very congested, but reports which have reached London show that the Government of the Protectorate will order the removal of all Czechs whose residence in Prague is not considered to be essential.

Czech women are being refused admittance to the Prague maternity hospital, where many beds have been prepared specially for Germans.

The growth of the German population of Prague is an advantage to members of the Vlnka, the German-controlled fascist organisation, who are not depressed by the failure of their recently attempted coup. There are many indications that another will be attempted.

POLICEMAN SAVES PILOT, GIVEN THE O.B.E.

Arthur Hendon Cole is a sergeant in the Kent Special Constabulary. A recent London Gazette told that he had been awarded the medal of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

And this is why:—"An aircraft of the R.A.F., taking off from Biggin Hill airfield, crashed and turned over in the garden of the house next to that occupied by Sergeant Cole.

"The pilot was trapped and hanging by his harness upside down.

"Cole ran to his assistance and, although expecting the aircraft to catch fire and blow up at any moment, he freed the pilot from his gear and dragged him away, saving his life.

"The aircraft caught fire, and the petrol tank exploded a minute or two after the pilot had been released."

TEAMED FOR FIRST TIME



"LUCKY PARTNER," the Christmas attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, brings Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman together in a picture for the first time. Above, they are photographed at the premiere of the film.

Opposed Draft Registration

American Divinity Students Sentenced

STUBBORNLY rejecting the pleas of their prosecutor and the court to change their minds and register, eight Union Theological Seminary students were sentenced in New York recently to a year and a day each for violation of the Selective Service act.

On the recommendation of U.S. Attorney Cahill, however, Federal Judge Mandelbaum instructed the defendants that if at any time during the serving of the terms any of them decided to change their minds and register, the court would then be willing to entertain a motion for reduction of sentence.

Cahill made a lengthy statement to the court pointing out that the defendants, as divinity students, were exempt from conscription from the start. He cited the fact that they had nevertheless refused to register and emphasized that subsequently they had been given every possible opportunity to sign up in accordance with the law.

"They have, however, persisted in and continue to persist in their refusal to register," he added, with obvious regret. "In view of these facts, it is the recommendation of the U.S. attorney that they be sentenced to a year and a day in a federal penitentiary."

Plea for Leniency

Kenneth Walzer, attorney for the defendants, told the court that his clients had not asked him to plead for leniency, but that he was asking that they be given suspended sentences, nevertheless, in behalf of their parents and as an officer of the court.

He pointed out that the students had dedicated their lives to religion and that they could not participate in mass killing of human beings under any circumstances.

Judge Mandelbaum, deeply moved, said, in a quivering voice:

No Legal Basis

"There is no legal basis for their failure to register as 16,000,000 or 17,000,000 others have done. But I offer them even now the opportunity to change their minds."

Then he ordered their names read to give each an opportunity to change his stand.

Stood Firm

But each, in turn, stood firm, and there was a ripple of approval from the spectators—including many relatives and fellow students.

Those sentenced were:—Richard J. Wheeler, Birmingham, graduate of Syracuse University; William N. Lovell, 20, Poughkeepsie, president of the Union Theological student body and graduate of Yale; Donald Benedict, 23, Newark, N. Y., Albion College graduate; David Bellinger, 23, Wakefield, Mass., Yale graduate; Meredith Dallas, 23, Grosse Point, Mich., Albion graduate; George M. Houser, 24, Denver, University of Denver graduate; Joseph G. Bovalacqua, 24, Buffalo, Tufts graduate; Howard E. Spragg, 23, Malden, Mass., Tufts graduate.

Spain Agrees To Take Less Oil

It is learned in London that agreement had been reached with the Spanish Government, limiting the amount of future oil imports into Spain.

The agreement is believed to be based on Spanish oil consumption during the pre-civil war period as modified by present conditions.

While allowing Spain adequate quantities for home consumption, it will leave no oil to spare which might find its way to Germany or Italy.

AMERICA PLANS MASS DRILLS Cure Bulging Waistlines

Public parks and squares in the United States may soon provide the spectacle of ordinary citizens vigorously knee-bending and arm-stretching beneath the stern eyes of Federal physical training instructors.

President Roosevelt has decided that there are too many bulging waistlines and flabby muscles in the United States and has called the Philadelphia Democratic leader and former Olympic sculling champion, John B. Kelly, to the White House to discuss the possibility of organizing a mass physical training scheme to supplement the national defence programme.

Both Mr Roosevelt and Mr Willkie, the defeated Republican candidate for the Presidency, complained in speeches that the country had gone soft and needed toughening.

Army officers complained that during recent manoeuvres men of the National Guard were exhausted after a five-mile march.

College football coaches have complained for nearly a decade that the youth of the country was developing rubber legs through the habit of never walking even a few yards if riding were possible.

Argentina's Anti-Nazi Demand

A telegram to the Minister of the Interior urging drastic measures against alleged Nazi activities in the territory of Misiones, in the north-east of the Argentine, was recently printed prominently in the Buenos Ayres newspapers.

The telegram came from the Secretary-General of the Accion Argentina, a pro-democratic organisation at Buenos Aires, the capital of the territory, and declared:

"The citizens have decided no longer to tolerate daily affronts by misguided elements who are polluting the district like a disease."

Clashes between Nazis and Accion Argentina are feared, and the Nazis are reported to be accumulating arms.

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WIFE IS KILLED BY BOMBS

After Alleged Murder Attempt

A woman, whose husband was alleged to have attempted to murder her in an Anderson shelter, was later killed by bombs when the hospital to which she had been taken received a direct hit.

A solicitor, Mr E. Weale, made this statement at Dartford when the husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, 30, labourer, of Dartford, was sent for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

Mr Weale said that Mrs Clark was found lying unconscious in the shelter by an ambulance driver and a nurse. She was removed to the hospital, and an operation performed which appeared to be successful. But shortly afterwards the hospital was bombed.

The ward in which Mrs Clark was lying received a direct hit, and she died as a result of the bombing.

Sleeping Children

The ambulance driver said that in the shelter lying near Mrs Clark were her two children, a boy and a girl. Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Det-Sgt. White, of Dartford, said that when arrested Clark described how he and his wife sat with the children in the shelter throughout the night of Sept. 1 and 2, and went on: "Before 11 got light we had a quarrel because I asked her to let me go into lodgings and have a separation. I lost my temper, I struck her on the head with my fist, she fell back as though she was unconscious."

She Designed Mobile Kitchen

A trailer cookery demonstration kitchen, which has been presented to the London County Council by Mrs William Paterson, was designed by herself.

"The kitchen is primarily intended for educational purposes in connection with the food education campaign, but it will be used for the time being for communal feeding in the badly-hit London areas," an *Evening News* woman representative was told recently.

"Mrs Paterson, who is honorary organiser of the welfare centres maintained by the Electrical Association for Women, intends this mobile kitchen to show the housewife how a small kitchen may be planned as a labour-saving workshop in which everything has its place."

Use of Wall Space

"Full use is made of wall space to accommodate cupboard for china and cooking utensils."

"There is a special cool cavity for storing butter and milk, and wire racks hold vegetables at the back of a door."

"Wires hold saucepan handles in place, and the front of the water tank above the sink is used as a blackboard for demonstration purposes."

"An oil-cooker is supplied, and the kitchen is also wired for electricity."

Mrs Paterson designed the first of the fleet of seven mobile E.A.W. canteens, which serve searchlight and anti-aircraft batteries and other war service units in various parts of the country.

LESS WORKLESS; 500,000 Cut in a Year

Britain has nearly 500,000 fewer totally unemployed than a year ago, figures issued by the Labour Ministry show.

On September 16 there were 613,071 men, women, boys and girls registered as out of work, compared with 1,052,218 on September 11 last year.

The September figure shows that there has been little alteration in the position since August 12.

Compared with a year ago the register of men wholly unemployed has been cut in half.

The Ministry has ceased to give details of unemployment in industries, but it records that the only industry in which there was "considerable unemployment" was coal mining.



EMPRESS SURVIVORS.—Among 598 of 643 passengers rescued from the Empress of Britain, sunk by a German plane 60 miles off the Irish coast, were those, landed at an unidentified port. Sergeant Peaston, left, was reunited with his wife and daughter.

Automobile Industry's Big Role In U.S. Rearmament Programme

By MACK JOHNSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—National defence developments revealed today the increasingly important role the automobile industry is playing in the rearmament programme. The automobile big three—General Motors, Ford and Chrysler—all are becoming important factors in the building of planes, tanks and guns for an unprecedented peace-time Army and Navy.

The Army and the Defence Commission are preparing to construct one or more huge plants in which to assemble planes from parts manufactured in automobile factories.

Recent defence contracts placed with Chrysler and General Motors Corporations called for 1,000 medium 23-ton tanks and 71,225 Browning machine-guns.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has accepted Henry Ford's offer of the use of his River Rouge plant, near Detroit, to train machinists for the Naval expansion programme.

Defence production co-ordinator, William S. Knudsen, has asked automobile manufacturers to pool production resources to build 12,000 bombers for the Army Air Corps. This order would be the first to be assembled in the projected assembly plant or plants.

Huge Cost
The cost of constructing the assembly facilities and of the first lot of planes has been estimated at \$2,000,000,000. The new Congress will be asked for the money soon after it convenes in January.

The new assembly facilities will be financed by the U.S. Government and operated by an undisclosed aircraft manufacturer. Defence officials said the plants would be built near automobile manufacturing centres—probably in Michigan or Indiana—next spring.

A Navy spokesman said no details have been worked out between Knox and Ford on the machinist training programme and that it was impossible to determine at this time the number of men who could be given training or when training could be started.

The estimated "first" approximately 500 could be trained at one time, and that the first contingent would be sent as soon as possible. The Navy has but one apprentice school—at Norfolk, Virginia.

The Army has declined to reveal details of the tank and machine-gun contracts with Chrysler and General Motors, having announced only the amounts—\$53,500,000 to Chrysler for tanks, and \$61,300,872 to General Motors for machine-guns.

Tanks and Guns
The United Press learned, however, that the Chrysler contract, on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis, calls for the new M2A-1 tank—a 50-mile-per-hour vehicle embodying all recent developments. It will be equipped with a .37 MM cannon and machine-guns for land action and anti-aircraft defence.

The tanks will be built at a new arsenal, which is being erected at Warren Township, Michigan, at a cost of \$20,000,000. The plant will be owned by the Government and operated by Chrysler. The contract calls for delivery of the first three tanks next July.

Production of 100 tanks per month—the peak—will be attained in November and continue at that rate until the summer of 1942, when the contract expires.

The War Department will pay \$33,500 for each tank, it was learned. That does not include the price of the engines.

The machine-gun contract with General Motors calls for production of 20,004 of .30 calibre A-4 flexible

machine-guns, 9,007 of .30 calibre M-2 aircraft machine-guns, 10,998 of the .50 calibre M-2 fixed aircraft machine-guns, 14,741 of the .50 calibre M-2 flexible aircraft guns and 7,385 machine-guns of the flexible, heavy-barrelled .50 calibre machine-guns.

Production Rate

The contract specifies that production shall reach a rate of 50,000 annually for the .50 calibre type, 10,000 annually for the .30 calibre M-2's, and 20,000 annually for the .30 calibre A-4's.

The contract, which was negotiated late this summer, specified that all of the .30 calibre A-4's must be delivered within 18 months, the .30 calibre M-2's within 17 months, and .50 calibre within 17 months.

The .30 calibre A-4's will cost \$607.53 each, the .30 calibre M-2 fixed aircraft, \$641.71 each, the .50 calibre M-2 flexible aircraft, \$1,000.20 each, and the .50 calibre M-2 heavy-barrelled type, \$1,004.35 each.

WARTIME WEDDINGS ENDED

DIVORCE courts in Britain are glutted with cases, and many of the couples are those who married in the early days of the war.

Uniforms and war glamour have never failed to result in a number of hasty marriages.

Marriages in this first year of war have increased fifty per cent. Divorces are expected to number about 35,000.

"War is always accompanied by an increase in divorce," an official of the Church Army said.

"This is because many couples who have long been conscious of their married unhappiness have felt that war is such an all-inclusive crisis that it is the appropriate moment for bringing their marriage to an end."

Evacuation Blamed

Evacuation is having a profound effect on marriage. Salvation Army officers all over the country have reported this fact to their headquarters.

"The break-up of families has psychological, emotional and moral reactions which many marriages seem unable to stand," say officials of the Army.

Wives in reception areas are enjoying a new freedom, and husbands, left behind in the work-cities, are recapturing a lost bachelorhood.

HITLER HAS FIVE IDEAS

Hitler has five big ideas for America. Here they are:

- 1.—To buy up South American Republics by guaranteeing an outlet for their exports.
- 2.—To sink the Monroe Doctrine without trace.
- 3.—To make the United States' load of gold—the biggest in the world—valueless.
- 4.—To gain political control of South America after he has won economic control as in Plan No. 1.
- 5.—To make the United States a political appendage of the German Reich.

This ambitious programme was revealed in a book published in New York by two distinguished American economists Dr Clark Foreman, chairman of the committee on United States economic defence, and Joan Raushenbush.

The book, "Total Defence," has caused a sensation in Washington, where it is considered to be an accurate and objective account of Hitler's plans.

Wanted To See London

Plumber's Boy's Wish

Wanting to see London, a plumber's boy, aged 17, whose home is in Renfrew, took a train from Glasgow and duly arrived in the Metropolis. Unfortunately for him, he had omitted the formality of taking a ticket, and he found himself under arrest.

After a week in custody on remand, he appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court before Mr W. R. Howard.

Addressing him, the Magistrate remarked, "When you had been before me last week I was afraid your father and mother would be anxious about you, so I asked the probation officer to get into touch with them. They were glad to hear of you, and sent the fare straight away."

"You have now had an experience of travelling, but I am afraid you have not seen London as you wanted to do, because your train home goes in about an hour's time. The probation officer will see you to the train."

"Don't be afraid, because your father and mother will be glad to see you home again and will treat you properly. If you look after them and try to make them happy, everything will be all right. Good luck to you."

The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act.

CANADA'S FOOD FOR BRITAIN

An important Government mission from Canada will, I learn, come to London shortly to discuss questions relating to food supplies. It will consist of Mr. J. G. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture and export advisers, writes a London correspondent.

The chief object of the mission will be to decide the quantities of food Britain will require in the coming year and how much could be stored in Canada rather than shipped here at once. Shipping arrangements, methods of payment and similar questions will be discussed and the conversations will cover fish as well as Canada's agricultural products.

In view of the necessity for conserving shipping space, arrangements will be made to concentrate upon the foods of greatest nutritive value in framing the programme of imports.

On the British side Ministers who are expected to conduct the talks include Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping.

BRITISH CROWD MOBS PILOT BY MISTAKE

A British pilot who baled out of his crippled fighter during a dog-fight with German bombers on the outskirts of London, and landed in the car park of a public-house, was mistaken for a Nazi airman by a small crowd of angry civilians, and narrowly escaped manhandling.

He was saved by a 'bus-driver, who noticed the threatening attitude of the crowd and persuaded them to leave him alone.

When the crowd learned that they had nearly attacked a British pilot whose machine had been shot down they expressed sorrow, but explained they were infuriated by the indiscriminate bombing of non-military targets by Nazi airmen.

The pilot was slightly hurt in landing and was removed to hospital, where he is still under treatment. One of his first visitors was the driver who saved him.

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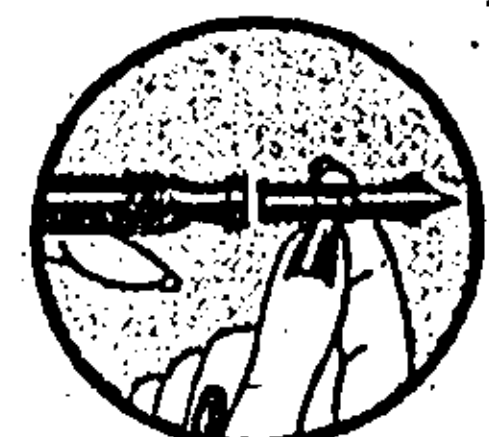
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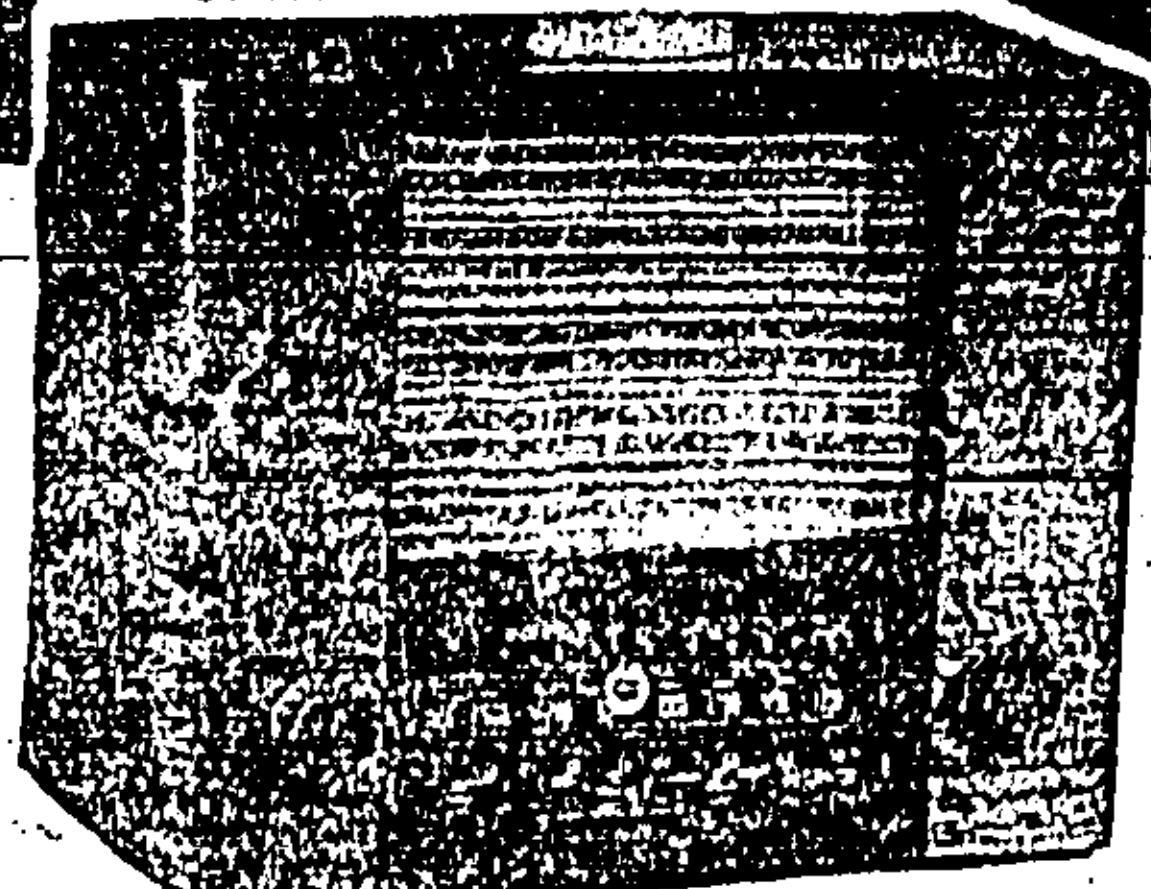
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Planes Over Switzerland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERNE, Dec. 23 (U.P.).—The Police Department has revealed that the planes which flew over Switzerland on the night of December 21-22 were English, and that the bombs which fell on Zurich on December 22 were of English origin. The Legation at London has been instructed to protest.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1940.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—
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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CHRISTMAS AMNESTY

President Quezon has granted a Christmas pardon to 159 prisoners at Bilibid, including Gerardo de Benmont, Chancellor of the Spanish Consulate, who was sentenced to six months in October for embezzling P9,000 from the Consulate funds. The President will be asked to leave the Philippines immediately. United Press.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Variety.
2.15 Close Down.
5.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Dance Music.
7.00 London Relay.
7.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 Variety.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.02 Vocal Programme by Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accompaniment; Alfred Picavet (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment; The B.B.C. Wireless Singers—Unaccompanied; Harold Williams and B.B.C. Male Chorus; Esie Aekland (Contralto) with Orchestra and Chorus.
8.30 Orchestral Selections—Overture "Manciniello", B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; The Enchanted Lake, Serge Koussevitzky conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra; "Prince Igor", Polovtsi March, The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; Fantasia—The British Empire—England: The British Grenadiers; Ireland—The Minstrel Boy; India—Reichstag; Wales—March of the Men of Harlech; Canada—Canoeing Song; Australia—Aboriginal Air; South Africa—Folk Song; Scotland—Callers Herring; and The Hundred Pipers; New Zealand—National Song; Finale, Mayfair Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Boots Abroad".
9.45 Corelli—Concerto Grosso in G Minor ("Christmas Concerto")—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
10.00 Studio—An Abridged Version of Dicken's "Christmas Carol".
10.30 Hutchinson—A Noel Fantasy from "A Carol Symphony"—Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden, conducted by Hely Hutchinson.
10.40 Royal Command Performance.
11.00 Close Down.

Hull Welcomes New Envoy

Statement On Halifax
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The appointment of Lord Halifax as British Ambassador is highly welcomed by the United States Government.

Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has issued a statement to this effect, adding that Lord Halifax's record of accomplishments was such as to commend him to the United States as Ambassador.

Mr Cordell Hull stated that he looked forward with pleasure to working with Lord Halifax.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Chinese community of the Lord Mayor has raised £30,000 for the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund.

Rebuff For Germany: Vichy Awaits Results

FROM FRENCH FRONTIER, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—France is anxiously awaiting Hitler's next move following reports that Marshal Petain has firmly refused German demands both for military co-operation and reinstatement of Laval as Foreign Minister.

While fears of imminent "blitz" action by the German Army against unoccupied territory have given place to a note of moderate optimism, it is realised that the danger is by no means past.

Neutral observers are asking whether the possibility of French resistance on the plea that the armistice is being violated will be enough to restrain the Nazi war machine. It is pointed out that the Germans, anxious as they are to gain a foothold in the Mediterranean and to seize France's submarine fleet, must be so tempted to march if "peaceful pressure" fails.

Petain is fighting hard to keep his word to the French people that France's unity will be maintained—to gain time to strengthen the discipline of unoccupied France and the French colonies.

That this is more than a mere phrase is indicated by the recent activity of General Huntziger, Minister of War, who just inspected France's "armistice" army and the French fleet at Toulon and in North Africa.

General Weygand and General Bergeret, Minister for Air, have completed visits to all the chief centres in France's African colonies and Syria.

"All Quiet"
ZURICH, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Frenzies, anxiously watching the demarcation line separating them from Nazi-occupied territory, report "all quiet" following the handing over of the Vichy Government reply to Hitler's latest demands.

A feeling of hopefulness is now noticed in Vichy by Swiss correspondents.

The French reply was presented to Herr Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's representative in Paris, by Comte Brinon, Vichy's Delegate-General in occupied territory, on Sunday, according to the "Gazette de Lausanne", whose Vichy correspondent says that though nothing is known of the exact nature

Fisheries Pact Difficulties

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—It is understood from official sources that negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia for a fisheries agreement are meeting with difficulties.

For this reason the Japanese hope of replacing the temporary treaty before its expiration on December 31 is said to be receding.

It is also learned that the present negotiations are not even for a permanent pact as provided in the present modus vivendi but only for an extension of the existing arrangement.

Berlin Casualties

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (U.P.).—Informed German circles state that the number of deaths caused by the R.A.F. raid last Friday night on Berlin was 36.

INDIAN GUARD INJURED

Slight injury was sustained by an Indian guard when he dropped his revolver on the ground, causing the gun to fire on Sunday. The bullet penetrated his left leg. His condition is not serious.

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POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26, the General Post Office and British Post Offices will be open as follows:

Wednesday, 25 Thursday, 26
G.P.O. 8 to 10 a.m. 8 to noon
Kowloon 8 to 10 a.m. 8 to noon
Shanghai 8 to 9 a.m. 8 to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore, London and Straits Dec. 24.
Canton Dec. 25.
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U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Dec.) Dec. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th Dec.) Dec. 25.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th December Dec. 27.
Java and Manila Dec. 27.
Swatow Dec. 29.
Canton Dec. 29.
Sundaland Dec. 29.
Calcutta and Straits Dec. 30.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya 8.30 a.m.
Canton Noon.

Thursday, Dec. 26
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Dec. 26, 11.30 a.m.
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Ceylon, India, Aden and Egypt No. Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta Par. Dec. 26, Noon.
Let. Dec. 27, 9.30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 27
Sundaland 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Dec. 27, 4 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No parcels for Canada and United Kingdom).
K.P.O.
Parcels Dec. 27, 4 p.m.
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Ord. Dec. 27, 5.30 p.m.

G.P.O.
Parcels Dec. 27, 4 p.m.
Reg. Dec. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 27, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A., and Europe via American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services.
K.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 27, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Dec. 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 27, 5.30 p.m.
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta 3.30 p.m.
Canton Sunday, Dec. 29 Noon.
Monday, Dec. 30
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Belra, Laurence Marques, and South Africa via Durban 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Dec. 30, 2.45 p.m.
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Single—G. Souza (Capt), A. M. Omar, A. J. Hales, R. B. B. J. Billington, T. H. Edgar, J. Lodge, S. Leonard, E. H. Small, G. L. J. B. S. Solina, A. Hung, N. Broadbridge, L. Chao.
There will be a ten dance immediately after the match.

Large Units Hockey League

Following are the results to date of the Army Large Units Hockey League:
First round—8th Heavy Regt. 2, 12th Heavy Regt. 1, Punjab Regt. 1, 1st A.A. Regt. 1, Middlesex & Engineers 1; Combined Small Units 1, Royal Scots 1.
Second round—8th Heavy Regt. 1, 12th Heavy Regt. 1, Punjab Regt. 1, 1st A.A. Regt. 1, Middlesex & Engineers 1; Combined Small Units 1, Royal Scots 1.
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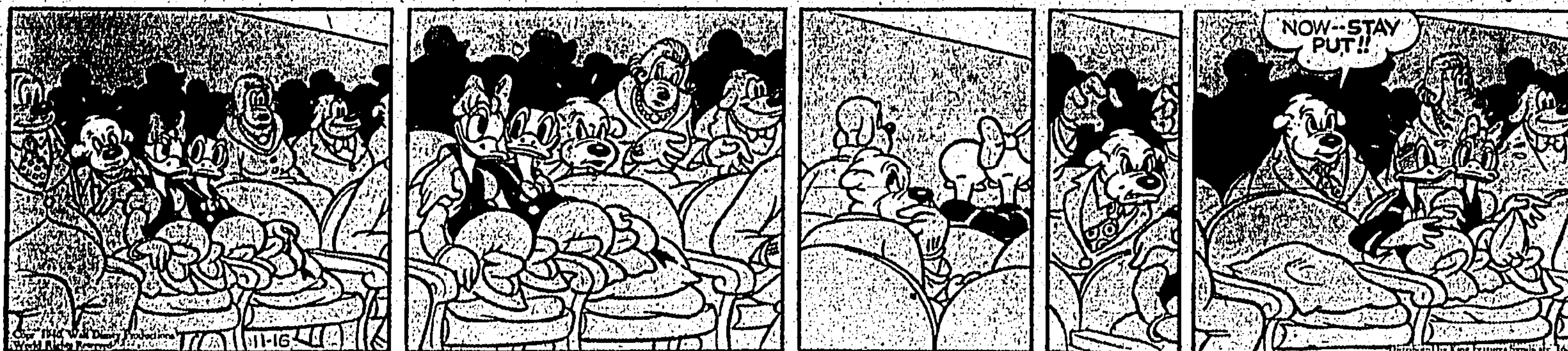
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This is Christmas Eve—Read This Story to Your Children

ON the hills round Bethlehem the shepherds keep watch over their flocks beneath the star-lit sky.

They crouch over the embers of their fire, pulling their cloaks more closely round them, for the night is cold. But a light in the sky makes them lift their heads, makes them wonder whether they are dreaming, makes them cry out to one another. A shining form, another and another, until the air is bright with pinions.

Then a voice, more beautiful than any music their ears had ever heard, with a strange, compelling dignity, breaking the hushed silence of the eastern night.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth

Peace among the men of good-will."

What is it all about, this strange movement of men towards a lowly stable?

Come to Bethlehem and see! The little town, that covers the top of a hill and looks from a distance for all the world like a little toy-town made by a child with square, white cardboard boxes, is packed with people.

A decree has gone forth from Caesar Augustus that men must be taxed, and an enrolment made in their native places. The rich have got the best accommodation, of course. They have had themselves carried in luxurious litters, or they have ridden in on camels gorgeously caparisoned.

Poor men slouch along the tracks over the rough hills covered with camel-thorn and

GERMANY LAUGHS AT OWN A.A.

Messages reaching New York from neutral sources in Berlin indicate the lack of success attending the German anti-aircraft fire.

The Schwarze Korps, the organ of the Black Guards, protests against the wave of jokes at the expense of the German anti-aircraft artillery which has flooded the country since the R.A.F. began its present extensive series of bombings of the Reich.

The anti-aircraft artillery joke has, in fact, taken the place of the pro-war jokes concerning Ersatz-substitute—"raw" material and other political jokes, the article points out.

The Schwarze Korps disclaims any intention of defending the honour of the anti-aircraft artillery. No such defence, it asserts, is necessary.

Civilians Blamed

It does, however, devote two full columns to an explanation of the virtues of these guns and their crews, their achievements, their importance and their general excellence, and makes a vitriolic attack on citizens so ignorant or so evil as to seek to discredit this arm of the Service by telling jokes at its expense.

Soldiers who understand these matters appreciate the value of the anti-aircraft artillery, the article states, but the civilian at home is too ignorant to do so.

THE FIRST NOEL

By THE REV.

LESLIE WEATHERHEAD

famous City Temple preacher

course grass, weary and despondent and dispirited. It is another whim of the hated tyrant in Rome that they should make this tiresome journey.

DARKNESS has fallen, but the moon has risen. In the moonlight you can hear the tinkle of a bell tied round the neck of a patient donkey.

His bridle is held by the hand of a carpenter named Joseph, who has trudged all the way from Nazareth. He is weary. And worried, too.

It seemed to him that his happiness was crowned when gentle and virginal Mary, daughter of his greatest friend, and only seventeen years of age, consented to be his betrothed.

But a strange thing had happened. An angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would be the mother of a child, the Saviour, who would be called Jesus.

Mary thought the child might be born soon. The faith-

ful donkey bearing all unknowingly the Treasure of the Ages, trod gently, but the journey had been a long one, and Mary longed for rest.

They had hoped to stay with friends for the enrolment.

Humble folk like Joseph and Mary from a village home did not put up at inns, when relatives would welcome them. But trudging along the last few miles Joseph had hesitated. The relatives lived on the other side of the town. Time was precious.

THE CHIGI MADONNA

War flames in Europe, but Christian nations the world over continue to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Symbolic of the day is this beautiful painting by Sandro Botticelli, showing the lovely Madonna and the Infant Christ. Yet a note of tragedy lingers in the picture. The angel at left presents ears of wheat and bunches of grapes, representing the bread and wine to be used years later at the Last Supper, just before Christ's death. The Infant Christ blesses these faithful symbols with upraised hand.

He must try the inn, cost what it may. But the inn was hopelessly full. The innkeeper would not listen to them. One look at their travel-stained garments, and he thrust them out.

YOU can see them there in the narrow street, its hard cobbles shining in the moonlight. Mary is nearly swooning with pain and weariness. The very beast is trembling with exhaustion.

Once more Joseph plods on. It must be the house of their friends now.

But even the house was full of noisy guests. And it was a one-roomed house, probably, as all the poorer houses were.

Joseph reaches the house at last. It is late now, and he shudders to hear the noise within, but at his entry and gesture the host—a cousin, perhaps, or even a brother—comes out to him.

All the privacy that can be offered is a bed of straw among the animals. It is gratefully and gladly accepted.

There is warmth, at any rate, and shelter, warm milk, and simple fare, and, above all, rest at last.

DURING the night, in the soft, sweet scented hay, in a place made Botticelli, Florentine artist, did the painting about 1468. It is called the Chigi Madonna, or the Chigi Botticelli, in honour of the artist's patron, Count Chigi. The original is in the Gardner Museum, Boston, warm by the breathing bodies of ox and ass, the Saviour of the world was born.

Look, imaginatively and reverently! For here is the miracle of the ages, very God of very God—asleep on the hay.

The world still sleeps, and turns and moans in her sleep. She seems unable to awaken. She dreams sometimes with bright, happy dreams, and then sinks back into meaningless lethargy or the disturbed dreams of the drugged.

When she awakens it will be to find that baby fingers can unlock the meaning of life and point the way to paths of purpose. Baby hands could release us from our bondage if they would only pull our proud heads down as low as the manger and teach us the royal values of humility, unselfishness, and love. These things can give the individual heart the joy which this feverish generation has brushed aside.

So, for to-day and to-morrow, let us remember Bethlehem. The world was born again there.

And one day man will turn, nauseated and satiated, to find his deepest happiness, not in the things that the world calls great and wise and mighty.

He will find it in some moment of wondering awe when it means everything to him that He who did not despise a manger will stoop yet lower and make the lowly, human heart His dwelling place and His throne.

SOLDIERS OF TRADE UNIONS

Strict, vigilant neutrality and preparedness for any emergency remain the keynote of Soviet foreign and internal policy.

This is the dominant factor determining Russia's attitude to the Axis as well as to Britain and the United States.

Observers are impressed with yesterday's detailed eye-witness account by the London correspondent of the Tass Agency of Britain's A.A. defences.

Trade Unionists

This message, printed by all papers, described the excellently equipped batteries, the abundance of fighting material, the good food, and remarked that most soldiers the correspondent approached were trade union members—a significant detail for readers in a country run by workers.

The message concluded: "The present British air defences are much better than any yet encountered by the German Air Force."

One cannot over-emphasize that, provided Russian neutrality is not violated, the U.S.S.R. will continue to trade with all countries.

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CHRISTMAS, 1940

THE second Christmas of the European war finds the world ill-attuned for the proper celebration of this festival which, according to the Christian teachings, should be a time of rededication in the cause of peace and goodwill. Modern war's most fiendish savagery has been let loose in the past months, making fine mockery of the world's annual plea for kindly brotherhood, and providing the cynics with unlimited opportunities for jeering at ethical ideals.

Nevertheless, so firmly rooted are the Christmaside conceptions of benevolence and charity, that even though two-thirds of the world be beset with armed strife and ill-will, it is possible to believe that the cherished traditions of this festival will not be completely obliterated.

Hongkong's festivities are bound to be more subdued than hitherto, not only because hundreds of homes have been temporarily broken up as a result of evacuation, but in the knowledge that in Britain, relatives and friends will face the dawn of Christmas Day with a fair prospect of being sent to the air raid shelters by the presence of Nazi bombers. Britain will probably spend the strangest Christmas in its history; the Christmas of the front line trenches where the shadow of death is always present. Yet Britain, despite the grim background, will contrive to observe to-morrow in the customary spirit. If anything, the people will probably get nearer to the higher conceptions of the occasion than during peace time; more than ever will be found the desire for personal kindness and the charity of individual effort which demands sacrifice.

The example may be well followed by Hongkong; the time is not meet for riotous celebration, but for chivalrous and sincere endeavour on behalf of those less fortunate; it is possible for the Colony to make the old-time Christmas message mean more this year than it ever has in the past, for the

ANOTHER WEAPON TO DESTROY HITLER

The Three Arrows once stood for Democracy in Germany. They could do so again. This article suggests that we should adopt this symbol for co-operation with all international anti-Hitler forces.

A NEUTRAL traveller in wartime Germany has reported that he saw one morning on the brick walls of a Düsseldorf factory three arrows scrawled in chalk. They were three parallel arrows, equal in length, pointing downwards from right to left.

Eight years ago that sign was as well known in Germany as the Nazi Swastika. It was the one symbol which might have defeated the Swastika.

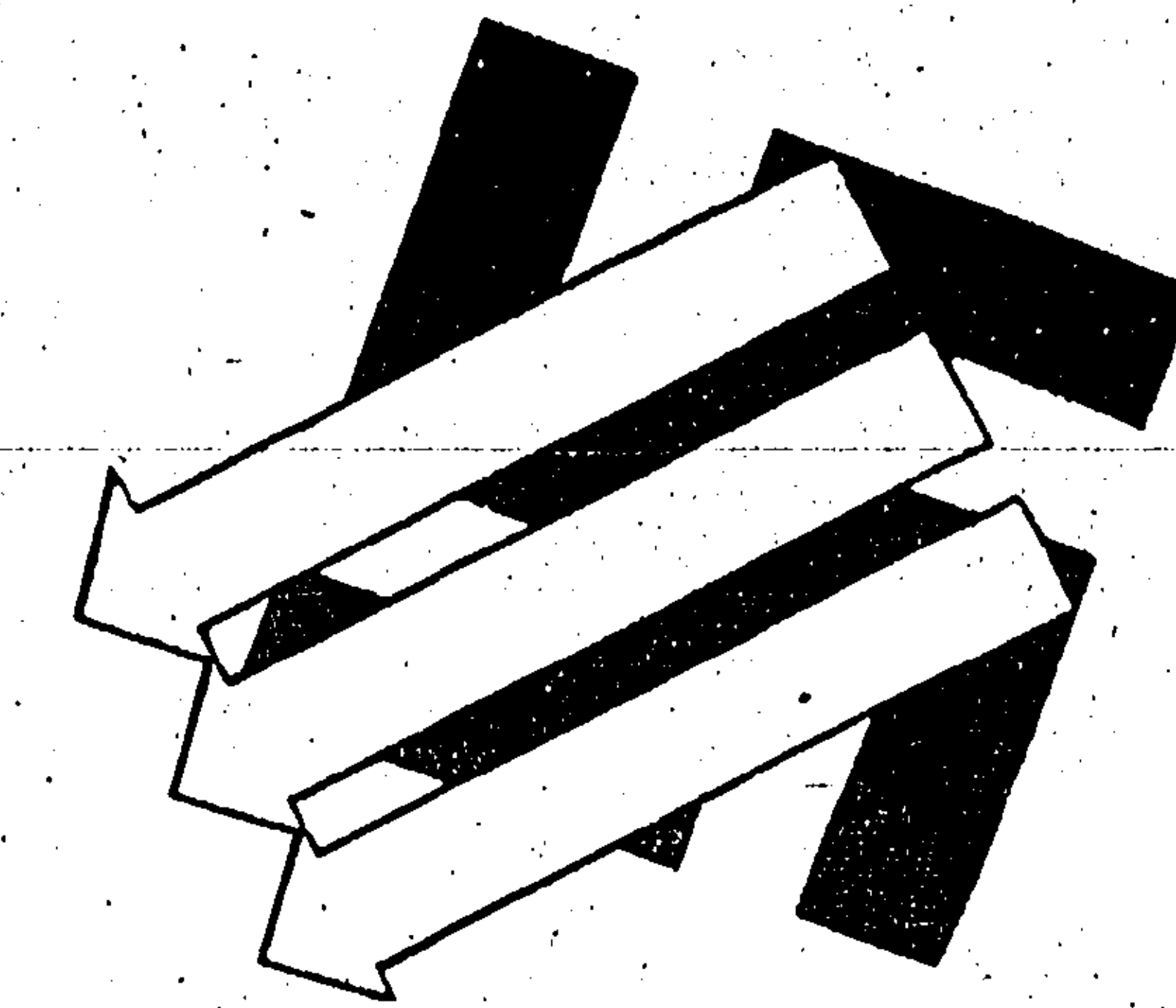
Eight years ago there was still hope in Germany. The three arrows were the outward sign of the rising temper of all classes against the powerful and irresponsible gangsterdom of the Nazis.

It was the last throw of the German Socialist movement and it nearly came off.

Up till the opening of 1932 no organised opposition threatened Hitler. Each party in the Reichstag had for many years boasted its own colours and its own insignia. Some even organised small scale corps of political shock troops—but they were little more than chuckers-out for their meetings.

Then in a quiet, working-class suburb of Berlin an ex-soldier, thin and spectacled, planned a rival force to the Nazi Storm Troops. His name was Max Holtermann and he gave the title "Iron Front" to his still unorganised body of devoted anti-Nazis. They adopted the sign of the three arrows (Drei Pfeiler) as their badge and the simple slogan "Freedom" (Freiheit) for their greeting.

By July, 1932, every section of the working-class movement had rallied to this new opposition. Its meetings were addressed by speakers of widely different parties—but they all had one thing in common—hatred of Fascism. The Iron Front became the first effective Popular Front movement in the post-war world; Liberals, Catholics, Socialists and even Communists wore the three arrows. But its backbone was found among the German ex-Servicemen.



Even in 1932 it was clear as daylight to the rank and file democrats in Germany whether Nazism was leading. And they knew the Nazis could only be fought with their own weapons.

So it was that by July eight years ago one could not travel in Germany without seeing in every street of every town some form of that simple and powerful emblem—the three arrows.

They were chalked on the pavements; and worn in button-holes; small paper arrows taking up no more space than a visiting card would be found lying on doorsteps, in the road, on bus

seats and on the tables in the beer halls.

Thirty million paper arrows were stamped out; many were gummed and stuck on shop windows, on motor-cars and railway trains. Rubber shoes were soled with the impression of the three arrows; small pennant flags on bicycles and hanging banners in the streets carried the three silver arrows on a red field.

And together with the arrows went a new fearlessness among the ordinary, decent citizens of Germany. The Freiheit greeting was exchanged as freely and proudly as the Heil Hitler. And man for man the Iron Front was a finer army than the numerically superior battalions of the Nazi Storm Troopers.

The tragedy of this eloquent hour expression of the loathing

that every decent German felt for the whole ramshackle Hitler movement was that it came too late. Its fate was the fate of all those countries that too late resolved to defy Nazism—it was beaten up. The Brown-shirts had the machine-guns.

But the arrows are still being chalked up on the walls of that Düsseldorf factory—and if there, why not on many others? Those arrows are still cherished in Germany by brave men who have not forgotten.

Does this not suggest anything to us who are now fighting Hitler with every ounce of

our resources? Does it not show us who in Germany could and would be our allies if only they felt sure that we English would speak to them in a language they know and understand?

Heaven knows how many people in England are waiting for some move from our side to give just a little encouragement to the anti-Hitler forces in Germany, some definition of our aims besides victory and the liberation of subjected nations.

Here in the three arrows of democratic Germany we have the symbol of unity and common cause that is needed to convince the world that we are fighting this war under a wider banner than the Union Jack.

If we in England adopted the Three Arrows as our battle standard; if we were to make

the first arrow stand for "No Surrender and no Compromise with Fascism anywhere"; the second for "People before Property," and the third for "World beyond War," we would have three simple and honourable aims which must appeal, not only to our own masses, but to the masses of German workers and liberals and Catholics who hate and loathe Hitler, but who dare not oppose him because they witness, as yet, no cause with appeal strong enough to supplant him.

Look ahead a step. Assume that we in England have accepted these three broad planks to our platform. How could we use them? Primarily for propaganda—but how? Let us, to start with, paint them on the wings of our bombers.

To-day the German Rhineland workers see bombers with the three circles of British or their wings. They may be anti-Hitler, but in war it is human nature for them to be Germans first. Each time a British bomber is brought down over Germany they must at least be thankful.

But imagine what would be their feelings if they saw their own three arrows blazoned on our bombers' wings. The war would change for them. It would not be Britain against Germany—but Britain and the old Germany they loved against Hitler and the new Germany they are forced to accept.

Then in France what would these three arrows of international anti-Fascism stand for? For those three historic principles which Pétain has seen fit to discard—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Let all our leaflets and propaganda to France bear that stamp. And over other countries let us proudly proclaim that we stand for three just precepts at which no civilised man can cavil.

The time will come later when the details of the new world order will be proposed—but let us at first accept in broad outline the three basic principles of "No Surrender," "People before Property," and "World beyond War." When we have done that and have offered an equal partnership in victory to all anti-Fascists of whatever race, we can look forward to a speedier end to this war and a juster peace after it is over.

Devil's Isle Abandoned By Troops

Hollow-Eyed, fever-ridden fugitives from Cayenne, notorious prison colony in French Guiana, who have reached St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, in a small boat, revealed that the French troops and police stationed there have abandoned the settlement in a body.

They have gone to enlist under General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

Henri Roulet, leader of the fugitives, told the authorities at St. Thomas that the only prisoners now remaining are 300 at Devil's Island.

All those at Cayenne itself, he said, have been liberated.

Many Germans and Italians have arrived at Cayenne, said Roulet, and are trying to establish order.

Devil's Island, one of the most notorious penal settlements in the world, was the place of detention of Dreyfus, till he was cleared, after twelve years, of the false accusation of treason.

fight that is being waged by Britain, her empire and her allies is none other than the realisation of the Angels' exhortation: "Peace on earth, good-will toward men."

I Sailed In A CHILDREN'S SHIP

By
Doris
Buchanan

I HAVE just completed the most extraordinary Atlantic crossing I have ever made; certainly the most thrilling.

First, two days lying at anchor in a British port while our party was being collected. In our "party" were four ships—two big liners ultimately bound for New York, ourselves and our sister ship for Canada. Nearby were the two warships—our boy friends—who were to escort us through the danger zone to a point beyond Ireland. We were then to be left to zig-zag our course at top speed, relying on our own guns to guard us against the German raider that is molesting traffic further south.

THE AIR GUARD

At last we steamed away, heading towards a convoy of 30 cargo boats that were dotted along the horizon. Soon they were behind us diminishing to mere specks again as we sped into the straits between Ireland and Scotland.

Overhead a coastal aeroplane zoomed as if to relieve the boredom of his patrol; the pilot dived first on one side of us and then on the other. He and his crew waved from the cockpit while our children whooped with frantic delight and ran from one side of the ship to the other. They will remember that plane all their lives, though only the older ones know why they have been so suddenly uprooted from their homes.

Our ship—all four ships indeed—were filled with children and their mothers. This was not the Government's scheme, but the scores of families who were going out to the New World on their own initiative. They were going to friends, to

friends of friends, or simply to people who have offered them hospitality. Each had £10—even the six months-old baby. This was all the capital they could take with them to face the future.

That £10 took was a great leveller socially. The money was deposited with the purser for safe-keeping. If we took to the boats it would not matter much, and if not it would not be frittered away en route.

So we spent no money beyond buying a few sweets for the children.

No one smoked. There were no cocktails, no deck games, no fancy dress or sports (except for the kiddies, for which we all contributed expense to buy prizes). Otherwise we built bricks in the nursery, played easy card games in the lounge and "Nuts in May" on deck.

FINE YOUNGSTERS

The youngsters were a fine, clean-limbed lot, full of high spirits, and already disciplined into courteous manners.

At the "Abandon Ship" muster they turned up at their appointed stations beside the life-boats, wearing life-belts as big as they were.

One woman wanted to take her baby into the life-boat in a pram. The Board of Trade life-belts were cumbersome affairs of cork and tar-

paulin but we carried them with us everywhere, so the ship had an untidy look. People had some falls stumbling over them.

We slept partly dressed and no one risked having a bath while we were still in the Irish danger zone.

The plan was to have cap, coat, shoes and rug lying in readiness, and to be able to reach the life-boat in three minutes.

The problem was more complicated for mothers with several children, but they found plenty of friends to help.

It was this neighbourliness and kindness that made this voyage unlike any other.

ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

EXCEPT for a few Canadians like myself who were returning home, all were literally "in the same boat." All were going out into the unknown to start life anew, just as my great-great-grandfather did over a century ago.

He and his family went in sailing boats and endured hardships. To-day I had the luxury of a modern liner. But there was this in common—the danger and uncertainty of the future were much the same. It was the British race as of old—without a trace of fear or panic, and an indomitable sense of humour.

The majority of the women had left their husbands behind in Great Britain and had fared forth for the sake of their children.

Others were British refugees from Holland, Belgium, France and the Channel Islands.

In every case there was a cheerful determination to make good in the New World, just as they had already done in the Old.

ITALIANS DIG IN AT BARDIA

British Assault Imminent

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—Over 20,000 Italians and Libyans garrisoned in the mighty fortress of Bardia are reported to have dug in, determined to defend this vital base in a battle to the death as military authorities here indicated that the zero hour for the final British assault was near.

The resistance of the Italians is stiffening as they receive reports that all valuable air equipment has been safely taken along the Tobruk Road, while guns have been brought into the fort which are now being used to shell the Sollum area. At the same time big formations of Savoia bombers are attacking British convoys, as well as the Sollum Road, along which an endless stream of British reinforcements is reported to stretch to the Nile.

It is reported that British mechanised units pounding the Bardia defences penetrated the outer ring, but the pressure of the assault by air, land, and sea has apparently relaxed slightly while Sir Archibald Wavell completes preparations for the death blow. Supplementing the darling tank patrol, British artillery is rumbling steadily.

The steady flow of Sir Archibald Wavell's fresh troops—Australians, New Zealanders, Indians, English, and Free Frenchmen—with new tanks, guns and troop carriers, continues along the coastal road from Sollum, up Hellfire Pass, and into Libya, despite bombing which is pitting the region with craters and rocking the ground like an earthquake.

Seven More Guns Taken

Cairo, Dec. 22. The General Headquarters communiqué says: "Reinforcements are steadily reaching our troops in the Bardia area. A further seven guns have been collected from the enemy on the frontier posts which we recently occupied."—United Press.

Italian Claims

Rome, Dec. 22. Italian troops to-day heavily shelled enemy motor-car units along the North African coast, while Italian air squadrons concentrated heavy bombing attacks upon massive British troop formations and mechanised units, the Italian High Command announced to-day, adding that there had been violent exchanges of artillery fire. Advancing Greek troops

were fiercely counter-attacked, suffering great losses.—Domest.

Italians Holding Lines?

Rome, Dec. 23. A communiqué issued to-day stated that the Italians were still holding their Bardia lines and were continuing to subject the British advance base and airfield to air bombardment.—United Press

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: With the approaching holiday season a smaller volume of business was recorded, with a steady undertone prevailing.

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Christmas Celebrations To Be On Old Scale

The Christmas festivities in Hongkong started yesterday with dinners, dances, concerts and carols, and will continue into the New Year.

Yesterday, a Christmas Carnival Party was held by St Andrew's Club in the Church Hall. In former years a grand carnival dance has been held by this club to celebrate Christmas Eve, but, in view of the evacuation and the consequent shortage of dancing partners, it was decided to hold a party instead.

From 7.30 p.m. St Andrew's Fellowship of Youth's Christmas Carol Party toured Kowloon, making a collection for St. Dunstan's. The party was under the guidance of Mrs C. M. Bird and Miss W. Robinson.

On the other side of the Harbour, a Service-men's Christmas Dinner and concert was held at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, and another is to be held to-night. Gala dinners and luncheons are being held by the leading hotels.

HOTEL CELEBRATIONS
At the Hongkong Hotel a special Christmas Eve Gala Dinner is being held in the Grill Room, with an extension until 2 a.m. having been arranged. On Boxing Night the Grill Room will again be the centre of attraction until 2 a.m. Nick Korin and His Swing Band will be in attendance on both nights.

At the Repulse Bay Hotel a special Christmas Day Luncheon will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with Geo. Plo-Uski's Quintette.

A Gala Dinner Dance will be held until 2 a.m. at the Peninsula Hotel on Christmas Night, during which Art. Carneiro and His Orchestra will play.

Carnival nights at the Gloucester Hotel include Christmas Eve, with extension until 3 a.m.; Boxing Night, with extension until 2 a.m.; and New Year's Eve, with extension until 3 a.m. As a special attraction for New Year's Eve, dances and others of the 2nd Bn The Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lieut-Col D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers) have been engaged for the evening. In addition there will be community singing, special dance numbers, spot waltz and other novelties.

Extensions until 2 a.m. have been granted the Chantecler Restaurant for to-night, to-morrow, Boxing Night, and December 28, and until 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve. To-night and December 31 will be the Gala Nights, with streamers, confetti and fun galore. The dance programmes have been arranged by the popular Chantecler Duo, and in addition there will be Miss Valiya, piano accompanist, and Steve Moriny and

CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS

The Clubs have their own rounds of entertainments for the holidays. On Boxing Day, Craigenower Cricket Club will hold a tea dance, and on New Year's Eve their annual President's Dance will commence at 8.30 p.m.

The American Club will hold their annual dance on New Year's Eve.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will hold their annual Fancy Dress Ball on New Year's Eve when the dance band of the 2nd Bn The Royal Scots (by kind permission of Lieut-Col D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers) will be in attendance. Miss Eileen Grant, accompanied by the band, will render vocal items, and there will also be several cabaret items by well-known artistes. Community dances and spot waltzes with prizes are being arranged.

The Little Flower Club will give a Christmas Dinner on December 28. There will be a Christmas tree with gifts for diners.

The refugees of the Colony will be provided with entertainment during the coming week, as a series of concerts, organised by the inmates, are being held in the various refugee camps. The main entertainment has been set for Chinese New Year's Day.

A Services Xmas Dance will be held in the West Lounge on Friday, December 27, at 8.30 p.m. Admission \$1.60, including refreshments. The 2nd Bn The Royal Scots Band (by kind permission of Lieut-Col D. J. McDougall, M.C., and Officers) will play. Ladies will be admitted by invitation of the Committee.

The European Y.M.C.A. extend an open invitation to all Servicemen to make themselves at home at the "Y" during the Xmas holidays.

SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Midnight Mass and Eucharist Services will be held at the Churches.

Holy Communion (Choral Eucharist) will be celebrated in St John's Cathedral at 11.30 p.m. to-day, and Festival Matins at 11 a.m. to-morrow. The preacher will be the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of the Cathedral.

Christmas Morning Festival Services will be held at St Andrew's Church. The preacher will be the Vicar, the Rev. J. R. Higgs. The Fellowship will give a Christmas Party at the Fanling Babies' Home at 3 p.m. and the evening they will hold a Christmas Day and Party in the Church Hall at 7 p.m.

Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, will hold a midnight Eucharist to-night to follow the carols, and Christmas Play. Holy Communion and Christmas Services will be held on Christmas Day.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Peter's Church at 8 a.m. on Christmas Day, with a short evening service at 6.30 p.m. The preacher will be the Rev. Cyril Brown. A Christmas Dinner for Servicemen will be held at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Christmas Night.

Holy Communion will be held at the Peak Church on Christmas Day at 8 a.m. Scandinavian Services will be held at 5.30 p.m. to-day, the preacher being the Rev. Johan Nielsen; and on Boxing Day at 11.15 a.m., the preacher being the Rev. K. L. Reichelt.

A Christmas Carol Service will be held in Emanuel Church at 8 p.m. to-day. There will be a Christmas tree with gifts for the babies. Home of Fanling. Everyone is invited to bring something for the babies. There will also be a short play by the Young People's Club. The Sunday School and Young People's Club will be bringing Carol selections. Christmas Worship Service will be held at 11 a.m. to-morrow, the speaker being Dr H. Lechner, Cliff. A Christmas Dinner Party will be held at 8 p.m. at 9 Hillwood Road.

Catholic Observances

Catholics of the Colony will observe the Vigil of Christmas to-day, which is a fast day. At the Catholic Cathedral High Mass and General Communion at midnight will be followed by Low Mass. Three Low Masses will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Christmas Day, the last being followed by the Benediction.

Midnight High Mass at the Rosary Church will be followed by one Low Mass to-night. On Christmas Day there will be Masses as on Sundays. After 9.30 a.m. there will be Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. there will be a Children's Party in the Rectory of the Church and a Children's Party will be held at St Mary's School from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Boxing Day.

Midnight Mass will be held at St Paul's Chapel to-night. There will be no Service on Christmas evening.

A social gathering has been arranged at the C.Y.M.S. Hall of St Teresa's Church for 9 p.m. to-day. Solemn High Mass will be held at midnight. On Christmas Day, Masses will be said in succession from 7.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. On Boxing Day a dinner will be served to 100 poor at the C.Y.M.S. Hall, and on Saturday, which will be the Feast of the Holy Innocents, there will be a Christmas Party given to 100 poor children at 3 p.m.

On Christmas Day a united service will be held at 10.30 a.m. in the

AMERICA LIKES LORD HALIFAX

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Lord Halifax's widely known transparent sincerity and high mindedness will work strongly to his advantage in his new post as the view expressed here.

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Government officials to-day expressed deep satisfaction at the selection. The earliest reaction to Mr Eden's appointment is very favourable.

Methodist Church, in which friends from the Union Churches will share. A prayer meeting will be held to-night at the Gospel Hall, commencing at 8 p.m.

A morning service will be held at the Kowloon Union Church on Christmas Day, from 11 a.m. the preacher being the Rev. Frank Short.

Missionary Alliance Service

A Christmas Service will be held at the chapel of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, No. 25, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong, to-morrow morning at 9.30 a.m. The following programme has been arranged, which includes carol singing by the children of the Alliance Children's Hostel.

Invocation.

"Oh, come all ye faithful."

"Joy to the world."

"While Shepherds watched their flocks by night."

"It came upon the midnight clear."

Scripture reading, Luke 2.

"The First Nowell."

"Three Kings of Orient."

"Away in a manger."

"Silent Night."

Christmas Message. Subject: "God-given Gifts." Text: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." James 1.17. Speaker, The Rev. John Bechtel.

"Once in royal David's city."

"Hark, the herald angels sing."

Dismissal.

At 7.30 p.m. on Christmas night, a Christmas service in Cantonese will be conducted at the chapel by Peter Sung of the Bethel Mission.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Of the sporting activities, the main attraction on Christmas Day is the football match between the Scotland and China on the Police ground, Boundary Street, at 3.30 p.m. The other remaining fixture is the Cottage Club's ride for the President Cup, starting at 4 p.m., at Fanling.

On Boxing Day, race-goers will be provided with a meeting by the Fanling Race Club at Kwan-tai, and for football enthusiasts there are two charity matches at the Kowloon Football Club, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Portugal will meet England for the Sunday Herald International Charity Football Club at Kowloon at 3.30 p.m. and the Cottage Club will hold their annual Cavalcade and Tiffin at 1 p.m. at Fanling.

There will also be two cricket matches, both intra-club affairs. At Craigenower C.C. the married will play the single in an all-day encounter commencing at 11 a.m. after which there will be a tea dance to which members and their friends are cordially invited. The other match is between members of Kowloon C.C.

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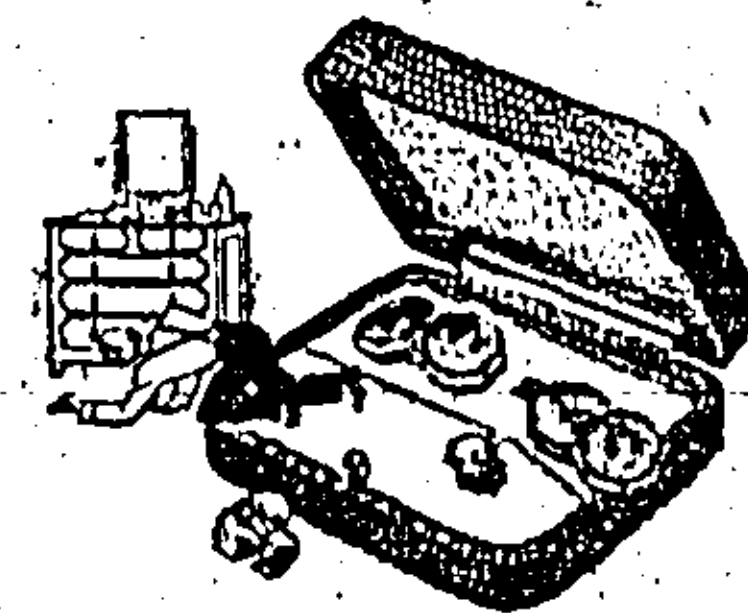
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Club Batsmen Fail Before Xmas Kowloon Bowlers

Pearce Brothers May Turn Out For Army Varsity Batting Improved

All the senior teams were in action on Saturday last, but one or two of them were not at full strength. The Club were hard put to it as there was a Rugger match, and so far as I can make T. A. Pearce and his brother may throw in their lot with the Army. This is in no sense authoritative but I see they are not down to play for the Club on Boxing Day, and rather assume that they will be turning out for Major Grose's side of Wanderers which will, I believe, be largely an Army team. I hope to have a fairly full account of it in the Friday issue of the Telegraph, if all goes well.

The Club were not a strong side and as usual their bowlers failed to do anything. Dewar when he went on first change dismissed Tom Madar and Archie Zimmern, the latter qualifying for twenty cents for the Bomber's Box! But then F. J. Lay joined Anderson and they put on 122 runs. They at no time seemed to be in difficulties and Anderson got himself out bustling for runs, falling to a nicely judged catch by Ride in the deep. Lay missed his century in a most stupid manner owing to a misunderstanding over a second run. If only batsmen will learn to call audibly there would be a lot less run-outs.

Club Crash

With a score of 181 for 5 wickets declared, the Club put up a sorry show. I stood from the fall of the second wicket with Francis Zimmern bowling at my end and there was nothing demonic about his deliveries. He has a trick of shifting out occasionally close, but inside, the return crease, and he occasionally turns the ball quite sharply from the off—Dewar was a victim to one which pitched outside the off stump and hit the top of the leg. But I saw no swerve and rather got the idea that the batsmen were short of practice and were not watching the ball properly. Four of them were caught in the slips playing at an off ball and getting it on the edge of the bat.

Goodwin's Return

It was pleasant to see my old friend Frank Goodwin out again and he bowled pretty nearly to his best form, keeping an excellent length and tempting the batsmen on the off—I think he was perhaps making the ball come a little with his arm.

Ride and Kilbee both fell to him in the slips and he should have had another as Parsons (I think) was badly dropped at first slip off him. The trouble started when Owen Hughes after cutting Zimmern very prettily for four played over the pitch of the next ball and touched it sufficiently to bring it on to his off stick. Ride and Hughes left shortly after, and though Parsons and Halsey hung on a bit and Dewar also got into double figures it was rather a procession. D. S. Robb hit valiantly for 17 and was out to a hard drive to mid-off which Lloyd took. R. G. K. Thompson, who took the last two wickets, is a Malayan cadet, I understand, and was impressed at the beginning of the match as K.C.C. were one short. He has played for the Civil Service and I'm not quite clear why he was not playing for the Club. They could have done with him.

University Delay

Declaration

THE VARSITY batting has greatly improved and they managed to hold the fort against the Civil Service bowling for long enough to make a draw.

They had 31 overs for their score of 138 of 9 declared, and the C.S.C.C. only had time for twenty one. Excluding extras, which happened to be 17 on each side, the Varsity averaged 4 runs per over and the C.S. 5, which is very poor for the size of the ground. Actually the Civil Service lost the game when they let T. T. Chin and W. C. Sen Gupta put on forty for the eighth wicket. Attwell who is in excellent form this year got 41 and I was glad to see Grimth's show signs of returning to the form of which he is capable by making 39 runs. However, C.S. were still 10 runs behind when stumps were drawn.

Army Fail

I am afraid I am rather out of touch with Army cricket but I suppose they are pretty well all over the place with duties

etc. and can never turn out a regular side. Denyer seems to have lost his form and none of the other bowlers could do anything.

J. M. Gosano played an excellent knock for 88 and E. M. L. Soares (30) helped him to add 85 runs for the second wicket. Recife declared at 158 for four wickets and the Army never looked like putting up a fight.

Webb (23) and Logan (13) alone reached double figures. Ozorio was once again in form, taking four for twenty-seven while L. G. Gosano took three for fourteen. It is interesting to note that Recife over 22 overs averaged approximately 4.5 runs and the Army over only two less overs could only manage 3.6—this excludes extras of course.

Dull Cricket

Craigengower seem rather in the doldrums this season and I.R.C. are rather tending that way. The whole trouble I suspect is over cautious cricket though Craigengower have been unlucky in losing people. But an average of three runs for an eight ball over is ridiculous in Saturday afternoon cricket.

I am not prepared to admit that the bowling is as good as all that. I think all the batsmen adopt a safety first policy and wait for a long hop or full toss to leg before trying to score. The result at Craigengower was another of these dull draws. The I.R.C. batting though not enterprising, was not good either and apart from a 43 by Madar and 22 by K. M. Rumlajn, no one did anything. For Craigengower only E. Zimmern (20) George Souza (17) and Hulse (17) got double figures, but they managed to scuffle a draw.

Level Pegging

The junior teams of the aforesaid Clubs also drew. The I.R.C. batted first and their first five batsmen failed.

They have M. R. Abbas (46) and J. M. Rumlajn chiefly to thank for being able to declare at 145 for 9 wickets. Craigengower were very in and out, but A. Hung (38) W. K. Way (27) and T. Lock (29 not out) did well for them and they saved the match by two wickets.

Army Beat 'Recreio

The Civil Service second eleven got runs against the Valley and Watson, Lawrence, Barrow and Cunningham all got into the twenties.

But they scored very slowly and had to declare at 121 for six wickets. Naranjan Singh was by far the best Varsity bowler taking 5 for 17 in 8 overs. I was glad to see Barrow getting runs again as he has had a bad patch. The University held up their wickets long enough to draw with 80 for 8—a dull performance.

Police Come Back

K.C.C. did not do so badly against the Police as thanks to Burch (40) S. A. Gray (23) and Curtis (38) they were able to declare at 160 for 7 wickets.

Generally one would have taken it as a fairly safe score, but the TURN to Page 9, Column Three



D. Hung (Kowloon C.C.) playing forward to one during the K.C.C.-Hongkong C.C. match at the Club ground on Saturday last. D. O. Parsons is keeping wicket, and J. P. Robinson, K.C.C. umpire, is at square-leg.—Ming Yuen.

Seventeen Entries For Castle Peak Handicap

Jack O'Lantern v. Clowner

THE BEST EVENT of the afternoon should be the Castle Peak Handicap for "D" class China ponies over seven furlongs, and the contest has drawn 17 entries, which must be a record for the Fanling Club.

Quick Despatch Eligible Though Promoted

THOUGH Quick Despatch has been promoted to "C" class after her successful run in the Lingerers Handicap at Happy Valley on December 14, Mr Kwok Hin-wang's candidate is still eligible for the Fanling Cup confined to "D" class Australian ponies, because the nomination is protected by that clause "at date of entry."

However the post of honour has fallen on Quick Despatch and Roofly, both sharing the limit load, and they will cross the line in the order I have named. Amber II and Rising Star have been kindly treated by the weight-adjuster and they are dangerous at 155 lb.

I am not suggesting that Dick Turpin is going back to his native land, but this cur of Mr Alec Potts loves the country course and this alone is a good recommendation for big money.

Clree and Heinz may also be bracketed under the same category, and I believe Heinz is the best make to follow.

GLORIOUS STAR MAY NOT START AMONG AUSSIE HURDLERS

THERE is a possibility that Glorious Star (the winner of Australian Grand National) will not be saddled for the New South Wales Handicap, which is a steeplechase over a distance of 1 1/2 miles. Mr Watson's chaser is under suspicion, and it is to be hoped that his mare will be ready and fit for the next meet.

Sen Urchin is one of those stummers that cannot get beyond half mile on the flat, but over the birch and brush Mr S. T. Williamson's mare is hard to beat, and it is learned that Lieutenant Craven will be the jockey.

The combination will not, by any means, have an easy run, for Teviotdale can get over the fences like a kangaroo. She was not seen in action during the last chasing season, but I can still visualize her success in the Melbourne Cup on March 12, 1939, when she gave a terrible thrashing to Spectrum and Sen Urchin. Colorado Star is new to the game and so is Bleyenburg.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt Reminder

INTENDING participants in the Cottage Club Paper Hunt to-morrow are reminded that the meeting place will be opposite the Kwant Race Course at 4 p.m.

The Hunt is open to any who can secure a mount.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Opening Meet Of Hunt & Race Club: Extra Flat Events On The Card

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FANLING will be the land of great sporting activities on Boxing Day. There will undoubtedly be a big crowd of golfers on the two links in Sheungshui, game-shooting in Kam Tin, hiking around the Lok Ma Chau hills, and the sport of kings on the Kwant racecourse. The Fanling Hunt and Race Club could not have chosen a better day for their opening meet, and it is almost certain that an army of Yuletide holiday makers will wend their way to the country course.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 1.08 p.m. to Fanling, returning at 6.20 p.m. to Kowloon. The railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

Whether or not it was due to Capt. Foster's incessant agitation in these columns to have more flat events, I must say that I am not a snaphone player, I leave to the Valley owners to show their appreciation, for the number of handicap flat contests has been increased to four with only one hurdling event for China ponies and a steeplechase for Australian mokes.

Never in the annals of Fanling Meets has such a heavy list of nominations been received for various contests, and there are ten assigned ponies in each section of the Happy Valley Handicap confined to "D" class China raters.

The Fanling Cup (a handicap flat) for "D" class Australian ponies over seven furlongs has attracted no less than 15 entries, and a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted on the event limiting the sale to 100,000 chances. Mr C. M. S. Alves is again the official handicapper of the Fanling Club, and with him behind the scene we are sure to have some fascinating problems in spotting the winner.

Dry, Hard Track

OWING to the long drought, the grass track will, I am afraid, not be to the liking of jumpers and judging from the forecast it does not look that the weather clerk is going to provide a soft landing stage.

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that starters must be declared on the forms provided in the Weighing Room before two o'clock for the first race, and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Jockeys must provide their own whips, which must be of a type approved by the Hongkong Jockey Club. The Fanling Club will provide "spurs," which also meet with the Hongkong Jockey Club's requirements.

win's chestnut created a sensation by paying \$306 for a win.

I like him for Boxing Day's fight, but the handicapper has not been too kind in the matter of poundage. Lucky Eleven has a pull of 9 lbs. and with Mr Peter Wei up the combination should be one of the hot favourites.

Callant Marshal has been whistled a good dark 'un, but I much prefer National Liberty.

FINAL SELECTIONS

My selections are as follows:

TAIPO HURDLE RACE

March Brown
Eve of Dancing
Three Farthings

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Lucky Eleven
Arabian Cat
National Liberty

NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP

Teviotdale
Sea Urchin
Spectrum

FANLING CUP

Quick Despatch
Roofly
Dick Turpin

CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP

Clowner
Wilber
The Leopard

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Zero
Lancashire Chap
Ascot Vale

THE FINAL EVENT

THE MEETING will terminate with a scurry for "E" class China ponies in the Happy Valley Handicap (first section) over half mile. My best three are Zero, Lancashire Chap and Ascot Vale and I think they will finish in that order. Don't forget Geordie as a good outsider on Boxing Day.

stays for ever. He is one, at least, with solid qualifications.

Interesting Scramble For China Ponies

THE HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (second section) for "E" class China ponies should be an interesting scramble over half mile.

It will be recalled that in the Dublin Handicap run on the country course on March 17, Arabian Cat crossed the wire first beating Lucky Eleven and Heddon, and Miss Bald-

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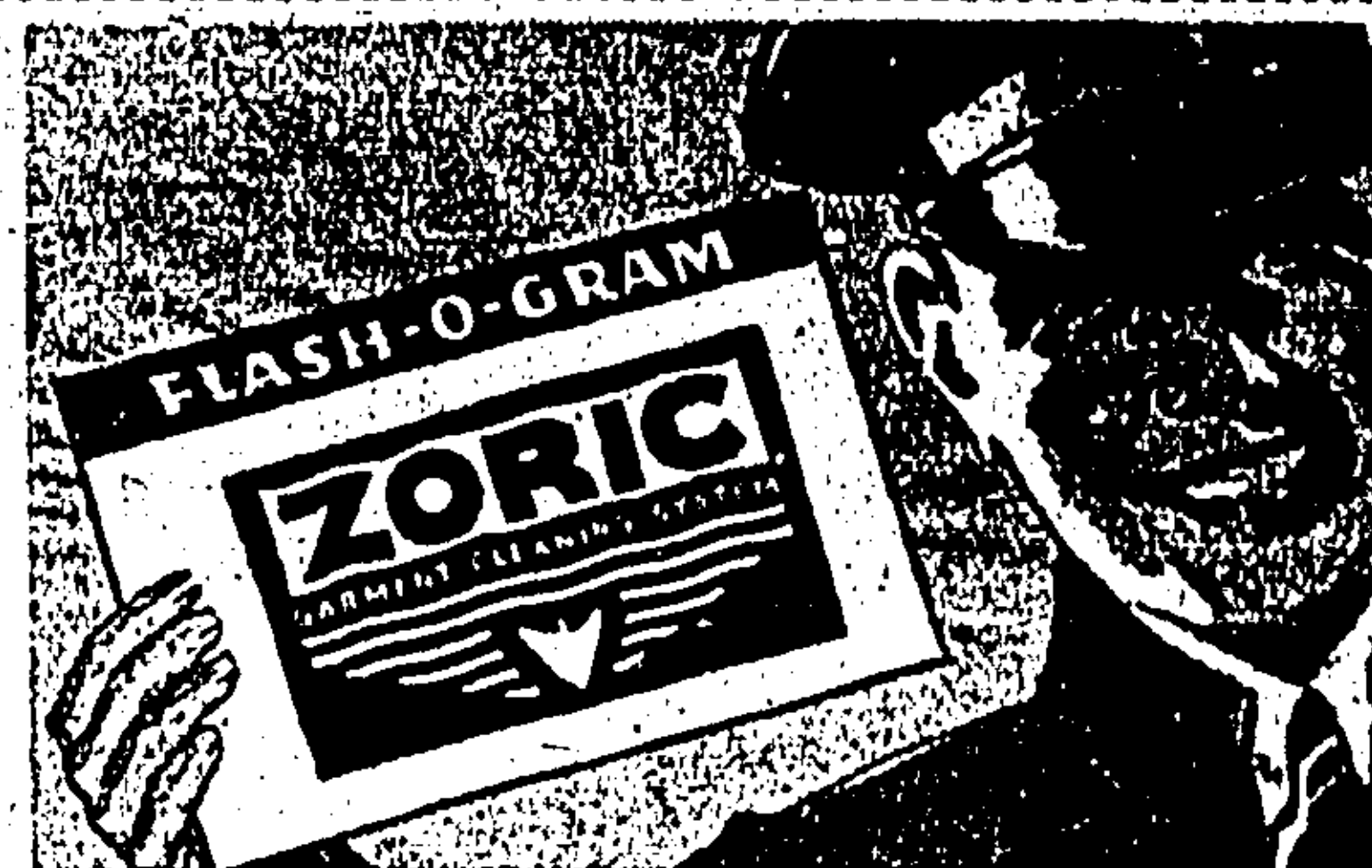
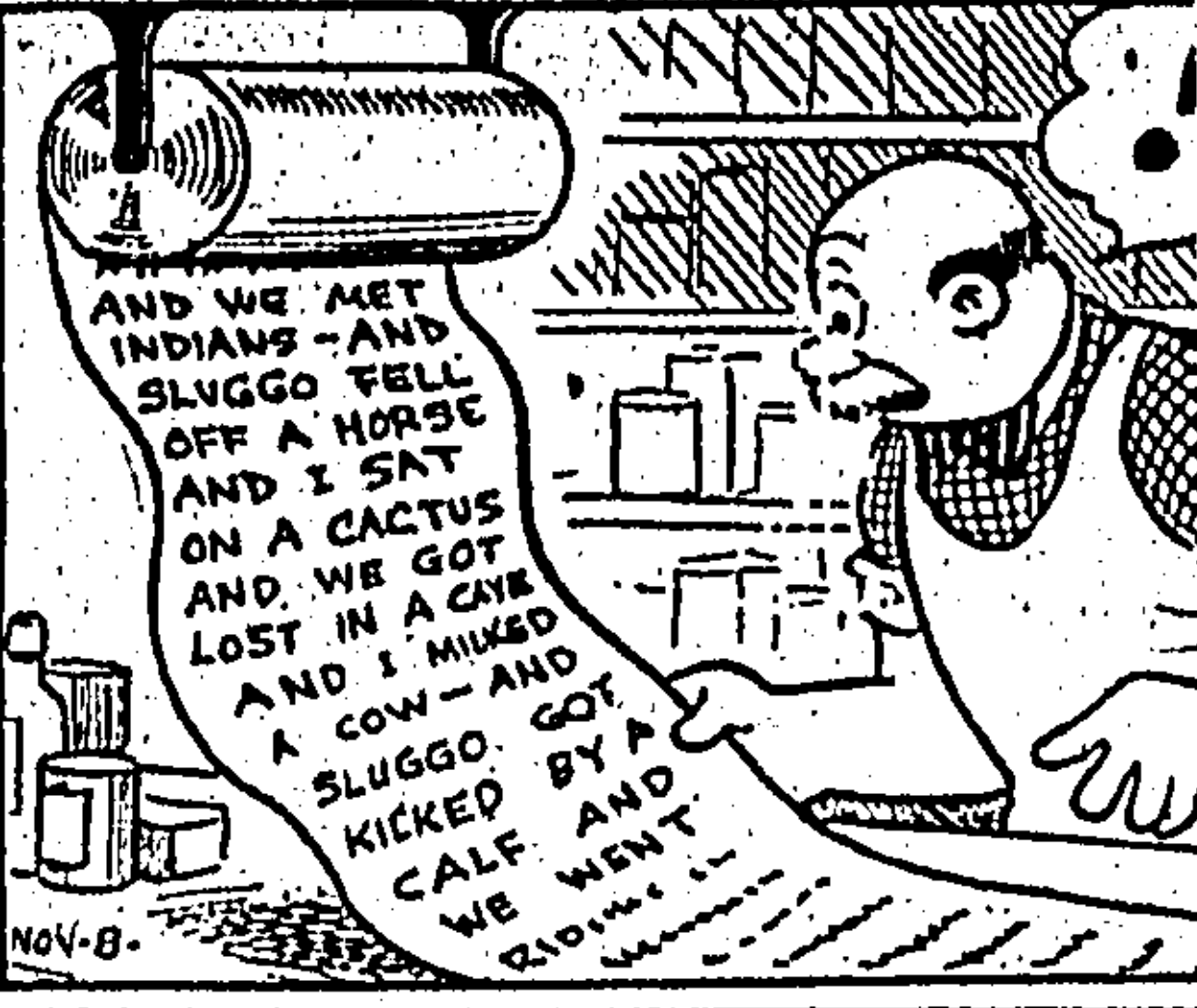
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ARMED RAIDS ON BANKS

Raids by armed men were made on bank branches and sub-post offices in Belfast recently. A policeman and a woman were wounded.

Old-age pensioners were in Falls Road Sub-Post Office drawing their pensions when four men armed with revolvers entered. Others were stationed outside. Mr Charles Lough, the sub-postmaster, said that one of the men stated: "We are the I.R.A. Don't scream. We want the money." They took about £800 from the till.

Less than 200 yards away £800 was stolen from the Falls Road branch of the Munster and Limerick Bank. Three men entered the bank and ordered the staff to kneel while they raided the till. The Falls Road branch of the National Bank was also entered and about £200 taken.

Two men were seen to hurry out of the bank carrying a sub-machine-gun. The others were armed with revolvers. Two policemen appeared and a good deal of shooting followed. During a raid on Edenderry Sub-Post Office, in the Crumlin-road district, Miss Davidson, the subpostmistress, was shot in the arm.

Turkey Would Aid Syria

Syrian leaders are assured of the full support of Iraq and Turkey in resisting Axis efforts to occupy Syria and the Lebanon, according to reports from usually reliable Damascus sources.

This is the result of Turkish-Arab rapprochement efforts, in the face of their common danger, cables the "News Chronicle," special correspondent in Cairo.

It is also, apparently, the outcome of the Iraq Foreign Minister's visit to M. Sarajoghu, Turkish Foreign Minister.



AMERICAN OBSERVERS—New York City Fire Chief Daniel A. Doisy, Fireman George T. J. Scott and Chief Fred Wodmeyer inspect fire apparatus at London headquarters. They were sent to study fire-prevention methods in warfare.

STABBED DETECTIVE AFTER STEALING BICYCLE

A sentence of 12 months' rigorous imprisonment was imposed by the Singapore district judge, Mr J. McFall yesterday on a Malay, Jaffar bin Chik, whom he convicted on "the very serious offence" of stabbing a detective with a knife.

On a second charge, of stealing a bicycle belonging to Loh Soo Teng from the Municipal Services Club in Farrer Park on Nov. 3, the same day, Jaffar was also convicted, and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

A year's police supervision is to follow the terms of imprisonment, which are consecutive.

The story told in court was that Loh Soo Teng, a clerk employed by the Municipality, left his bicycle in the club at 3.45 p.m. on Nov. 3. When he came out of the club three-quarters of an hour later the bicycle had disappeared.

He discovered the loss of the bicycle at 4.30 p.m. and, almost to the minute, information was laid at the Orchard Road police station that Jaffar and a stolen bicycle were in a coffee shop at Orchard Road.

Two detectives were sent out immediately and found him in the shop.

Struggle in Street

They told him that they would have to take him back to the station, but he

managed to get past them, and ran away. Chasing him, they cornered him in Buayong Road, but in the resulting struggle he drew out a knife and stabbed one of the detectives, Low Fong, inflicting a wound in his back half-an-inch long and two inches deep, which kept him in hospital for 12 days.

In his defence Jaffar denied stealing the bicycle and stabbing the detective.

QUICK CHANGE ARTISTS

Women shop clerks and waitresses in London, used to handling the public, make the best bus conductors, according to the London Passenger Transport Board, which has been forced to replace men on country routes.

GUNNER'S POSE AS A MAJOR

At Marlborough Street Police Court recently Clive Edward Grunspan, 22, a gunner in a searchlight unit of the Royal Artillery, was charged before Mr J. B. Sandbach, K.C., with being in the unlawful possession of a War Department pass, and with being an unauthorised person wearing the Order of the British Empire and the Military Medal ribbons, the Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross, and the Croix de Guerre.

It was stated by the police that on October 5 Grunspan entered a shop in High Street, Marylebone, wearing the uniform of an Army major, with the decorations displayed on his breast, and a staff officer's cap.

He represented to the shopkeeper that he was collecting money for the purchase of mittens for soldiers and was in command of the anti-aircraft section in that division. The shopkeeper collected 4s. 6d. and gave it to him, but after he became suspicious and spoke to a flight lieutenant in the R.A.F., who challenged Grunspan as to his right to wear the Service clothes and ribbons.

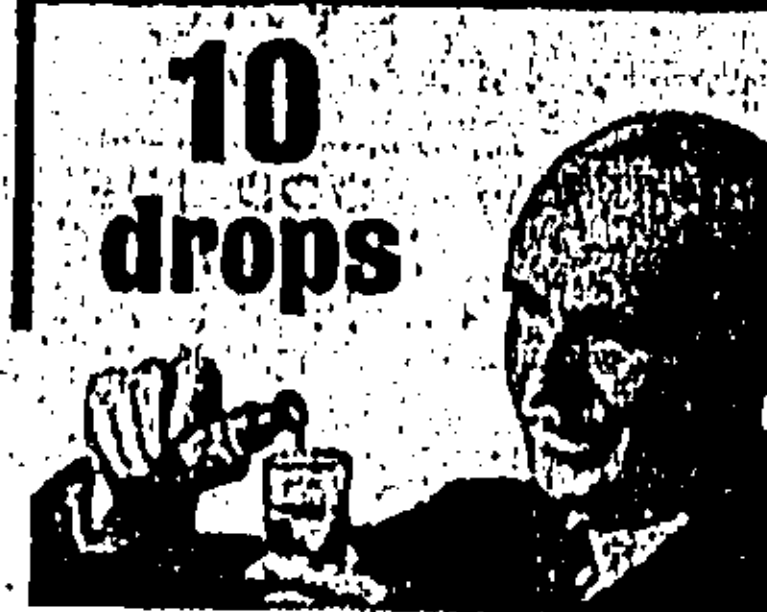
Had Taken Pass

Grunspan produced a pass issued to Major C. E. Grunspan, of the War Office, "for the purpose of investigation." Later, however, he confessed that he had taken the pass from the regimental sergeant-major's office at his camp. The flight lieutenant was not satisfied and called the police, with the result that Grunspan was arrested.

In a statement to the police he said that at the time of his arrest he was dressed in the blue uniform of a major of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, with decorations.

It was the second time he had been detained for the offence of obtaining clothes of a rank other than his own, the first being in France, when he was detained for passing himself off as an officer. The charge was dismissed, and he was later removed to hospital.

Mr Sandbach eventually discharged Grunspan under the Probation Act, saying he was anxious to get him into the hands of the military so that he could get the treatment he obviously needed.



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French Counsellor In Washington Resigns

MAURICE GARREAU-DOMBASLE, commercial counsellor of the French Embassy in Washington, has broken with the Vichy government of Petain and resigned his post, refusing to obey orders to return to France.

"The present French Government asked me to return to France, apparently with the intention of appointing one of their friends in my place and giving me some other function in the home Administration," M. Garreau-Dombasle said, in a prepared statement given out to the press.

"I have sent my resignation, pointing out that I had remained at my post since the armistice simply because I had never received a single word from the Vichy Administration and had been left free to defend here French interests, especially those of our colonies, without any possible German pressure. I added that I would never accept any task under German control."

"Of course, I am sorry to sever my ties with a service to which I have devoted most of my life. 'Anyway, during my thirteen and one-half years as commercial counsellor of the French Embassy in the United States, all my efforts have been tending to improve and develop friendly relations between France and this country. Our reciprocal trade agreements of 1938, for which I had so many obstacles to surmount, was the reward of these efforts.'"

Worked With British
M. Garreau-Dombasle stressed that since the beginning of the war now on in Europe he had closely co-operated with the British on all economic questions.

"I shall be always ready to devote my energy and my experience to any liberated part of the French Empire," he continued, "remaining one of the thousands of French unknown soldiers who hope and work for the freedom of their land. It will be the best way for me to express to my many American friends my gratitude for their kindness and their hospitality. I hope to have the opportunity to be of help to the cause of democracy which I served for 32 years."

M. Garreau-Dombasle served with distinction during the first World War, winning the French War Cross and the British Military Cross. He is a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

LYONS EXPLOSION

A German report broadcast from Paris radio announced recently that a large fire had broken out in a factory in a suburb of Lyons, in unoccupied France, where 1,200 workers were employed. A terrific explosion followed. Police are investigating, and "a criminal act is considered possible."

URUGUAY TRIAL OF NAZIS

Responding to the pressure of outraged public opinion, the Uruguayan authorities have decided to proceed with the prosecution of eight Nazi agents who are accused in an 80-page typewritten indictment drawn up by the Public Prosecutor of conspiring against the Republic's sovereignty.

All the eight have been arrested and will be tried by the Supreme Court.

29-Point Accusation
In effect the Uruguayan Government challenges the right of the Nazis to interfere in the internal affairs of this and other South American countries, for the indictment, besides detailing charges against each prisoner, contains a 29-point accusation against the Nazi party itself.

This includes the allegation that the party approved of a military plan to seize Uruguay and transform it into a German agricultural colony. Julius Dalldorf, known as the "Little Fuhrer of Uruguay," is protected from arrest by diplomatic immunity, having been hurriedly appointed Press Attache to the German Legation shortly before the Congressional investigation started last May.

German Bodies Stop Swedes Fishing

Swedish fishermen have had to abandon herring fishing owing to the large number of bodies of drowned Germans floating off the south coast of the country.

This is disclosed in a letter from a relative in Sweden received by a Scottish family.

It adds that German authorities have offered fishermen the equivalent of 3s. 6d. for each body recovered, provided the uniform is intact.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—More pallid
- 2—Is emotion
- 3—Noble
- 4—Wandering
- 5—As such agent
- 6—The (German)
- 7—Anguish
- 8—Brother of Cain
- 9—Aunt (Hebrew)
- 10—Treated with medicine
- 11—Lusitan community
- 12—Lodged
- 13—Thick liquid
- 14—Heating
- 15—Of eastern European race
- 16—Spanish accent mark
- 17—Milk (Latin)
- 18—River island
- 19—Gas in atmosphere
- 20—Tribulation (Scottish)
- 21—Destiny
- 22—Liquid food
- 23—Animal
- 24—Empty
- 25—Fooling
- 26—Symbol; nickel
- 27—Feasting place
- 28—Male descendant
- 29—Tentation
- 30—Ure to action
- 31—Neptune

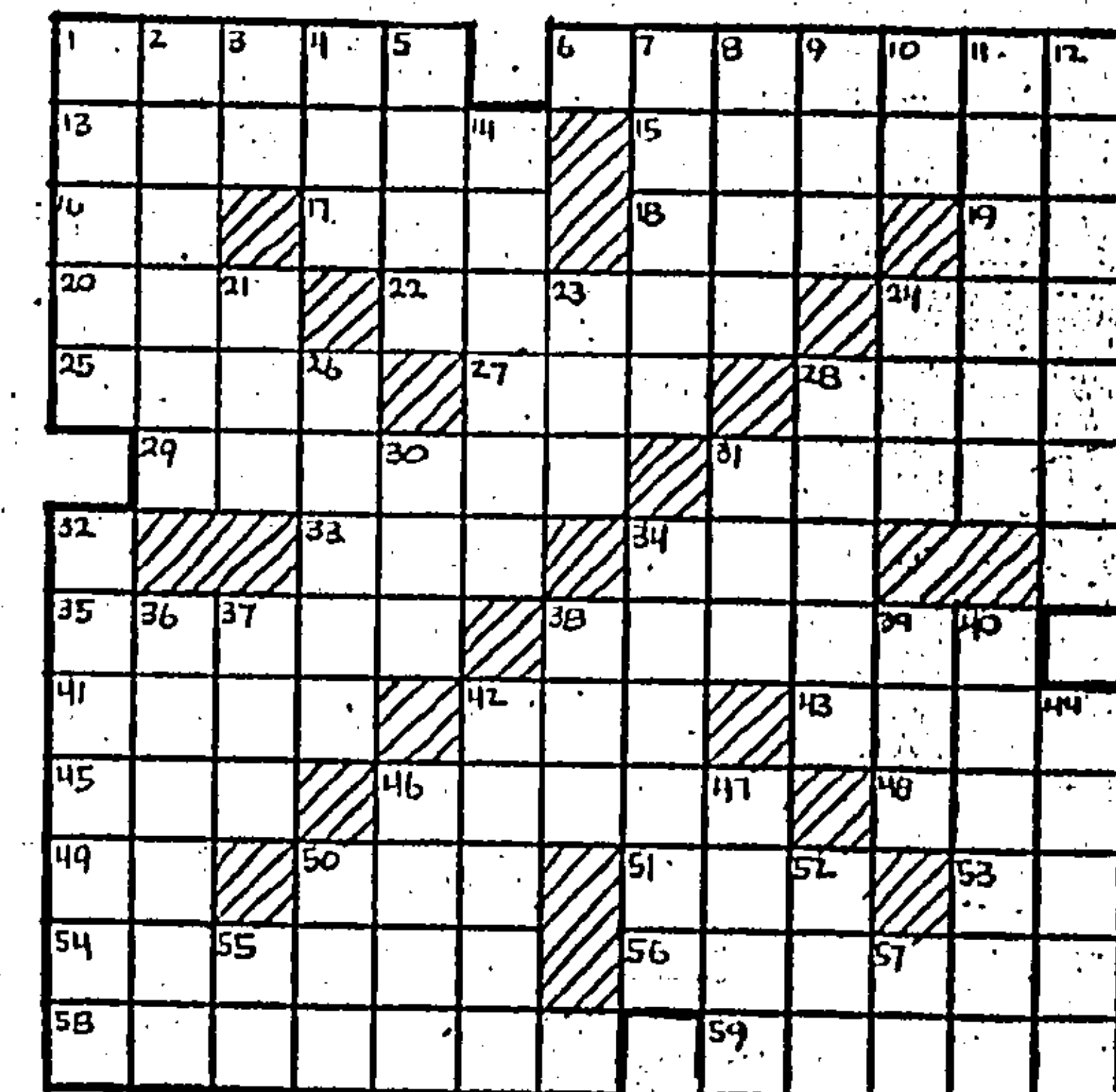
DOWN

- 1—French article
- 2—Disgraced
- 3—Job
- 4—Anger
- 5—More red
- 6—Was sceptical
- 7—Amalgam
- 8—Do sick
- 9—Treat
- 10—Wire measure
- 11—Drops clear
- 12—Tiny things
- 13—Nod
- 14—Deliish
- 15—Turned one
- 16—Population
- 17—To the right
- 18—Policeman (slang)
- 19—Put on
- 20—Deaf
- 21—Leader
- 22—Non-animal
- 23—oreadon
- 24—Excessive refusal
- 25—French artist
- 26—Twice (musical)
- 27—No (slang)
- 28—Cousin (abbr.)
- 29—Tithing

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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1—Clue 2—Keeps away from



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Churchill's Dramatic Appeal

→ FROM PAGE ONE

Church, against the wishes of the Italian people who had no just for this war, has arrayed the inheritors of ancient Rome upon the side of pagan barbarians. There is the tragedy of Italian history and there stands the criminal who has wrought it.

Sanctions and Abyssinia

"What is the defence that is put forward for his action? It is of course, the quarrel about sanctions and Abyssinia. Let us look at that. Together after the last war Italy and Britain both signed the covenant of the League of Nations which forbade all parties to that covenant to make war on each other or upon fellow members of the League and bound all signatories to come to the aid of any member who was attacked by another.

"Presently Abyssinia came knocking at the door asking to be a member. We British advised against it. We doubted whether they had reached a stage in their development which warranted their inclusion, but it was Mussolini who insisted that Abyssinia should become a member of the League and who therefore, bound himself and bound you and us to respect Abyssinia's covenanted rights.

"I declare—and my words will go far—that nothing that happened in that Abyssinian quarrel can account for or justify the deadly war which has now broken out between us.

Italy's Needless Acts

"Then the great war between the British and French democracies and Prussian militarists or Nazi dictatorship began again. Where was the need for Italy to intervene? Where was the need to strike at prostrate France? Where was the need to declare war on Britain? Where was the need to invade Egypt which is under British protection?

"We are content with Italian neutrality. During the first eight months of war we paid great deference to Italian interests. But this was all put down to fear.

"Now that I have taken up my office as Prime Minister of Defence, I look back to our meeting in Rome and feel a desire to speak words of goodwill to you as Chief of the Italian nation across what seems to be a swiftly widened gulf. Is it too late to stop the river of blood from flowing between the British and Italian peoples?

We Shall Go On

"We can no doubt inflict grievous injuries upon one another and mutual enmity rather cruelly and darken the Mediterranean with our strife. It is idle to predict the course of the great battles now raging in Europe but I am sure that whatever may happen on the continent, England will go on to the end even quite alone as we have done before and I believe, with some assurance, that we shall be aided in increasing measure by the United States and indeed by all the Americas.

Letter To Duce

"This is the gist of a letter which I sent to Signor Mussolini when I became Prime Minister. I make no comment upon the Duce's answer. It speaks for itself. Anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that meant to have war. One man and only one man was resolved to plunge Italy after all these years of strain and effort into the whirlpool of war.

"What is the position of Italy today? Where is it that the Duce has led a distrusting people after 18 years of duceatorial power? What hard choice is open now. It is to stand up to the battery of the whole British Empire on sea, in the air and in Africa, and the vigorous counter-attack of Greece.

"There is one man and one man only who has led you there.

"I leave this unfolding until the day comes—as come it will—when the Italian nation will once more take the shaping of its own fortunes.

Vichy Minister's Appeal

VICHY, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—An appeal for the restoration of "impartiality, firmness, discipline and honour" in all ranks of the French Colonial Service was made by M. Platon, Minister for the Colonies, today.

In a circular to Colonial Governors, M. Platon urges: "In the exercise of your authority, let all your acts be inspired by the duty which involves in all Frenchmen to take part with honour and confidence in the work of national rehabilitation laid down by Marshal Petain."

Nazi Fury At Eden's New Appointment

A "Pathological Hatred"

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—An outburst of wrath in the German press greeted the appointment of Mr Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary.

The "Boersen Zeitung" writes: "With Eden there comes to the Foreign Office a man whose activities have been dictated by pathological hatred of the authoritarian States. With this appointment, London expects improvement in British-Russian relations and a stiffening of attitude to Japan, Spain and other members of the Axis.

"The answer to these illusions will be a crushing one. All these nations, including the Soviet, will only see the true face of England more clearly for the appointment of Eden."

The "Deutsche Zeitung" says: "Those who have whipped England into war—Churchill, Eden and Margesson—are now on the spot where they deserve. All three are burdened with the guilt of war and are now branded with full responsibility for Britain's decline which their policy has brought about."

Pres. Roosevelt To Speak

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—The White House announced that President Roosevelt has tentatively decided to address the nation by radio on December 29, on the "present emergency." He will probably speak from 9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. E.S.T.

Fewer Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—The shipping losses for the week ending mid-night, December 15, were five British ships with a total of 30,830 tons, and two allied ships totalling 20,046 tons which is a decrease of nearly two-thirds from the preceding week.

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ITALIAN AIR BASES IN LIBYA SMASHED BY ROYAL AIR FORCE

CAIRO, DEC. 23 (REUTER).—A BIG ONSLAUGHT BY THE R.A.F. ON ITALIAN AIR BASES BEHIND THE LIBYAN WAR FRONT IS REPORTED IN TO-DAY'S R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE AS WELL AS A BIG AIR BATTLE IN ALBANIA.

AERODROMES AT BERKA AND BENINA—TWO MAIN REINFORCEMENT AERODROMES NEAR BENGHAZI—WERE HEAVILY

raided on the night of December 21. Big fires were started at Berka while at Benina three hangars were left burning and badly damaged. Aircraft on the ground were machine-gunned from 500 feet.

Considerable damage was caused on the same night at the Italian stronghold of Tobruk where British bombers attacked the harbour and military objectives.

A fierce air battle took place over Argiro-Castron between nine British fighters and over 50 Italian planes. Eight enemy fighters were definitely shot down and three more were probably destroyed. Two British planes were lost.

Pilot Machine-Gunned
The R.A.F. communique continues: "The pilot of one British plane was seen being machine-gunned by Italian fighters while he was descending by parachute. He died half an hour after he was found from wounds received during his parachute descent."

"It is placed on record that this is the second occasion since hostilities began in the Middle East that irrefutable evidence has been received of an R.A.F. pilot having been machine-gunned while making a parachute descent. This follows the practice of Italian pilots adopted in the Spanish War."

The communique adds that all wells at Kucove in central Albania were raided by R.A.F. bombers on Sunday. One enemy aircraft is believed to have been shot down and two British aircraft failed to return.

Artillery Harasses Italians

Waiting Game In Libya

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (UP).—A General Headquarters communique states: "Our artillery continues to harass the enemy at Bardia. Prisoners from the evacuated main Sidi Barrani area now total 35,949 including 1,704 officers. Several thousand more are still waiting to be transported."

"West of Gallabat our artillery has been active. On the northern frontier of Kenya the offensive and patrolling continues."

Waiting Game

CAIRO, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—British forces in Libya are playing a waiting game. Apart from a steady stream of reinforcements, consolidating positions around Bardia and intermittent shelling, there is nothing further to report.

Counting Prisoners

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The number of Italians taken prisoner in the Western Desert is now set at almost 36,000 with several thousands more waiting to be counted. Bardia is still being shelled while British preparations continue outside.

Prisoners evacuated from the main Sidi Barrani area now total 35,949, including 1,704 officers. Several thousand more have not yet been brought in from the forward camps.

It is pointed out in London that Bardia is a different proposition from the one at Tobruk.

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ENEMY RAIDED

Mannheim's Seventh Visit From R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Spreading wastes of flame were seen by R.A.F. pilots after dropping their bombs in Sunday night's raid on Mannheim.

Most damage was done in the neighbourhood of the main railway station but there was also damage on the Ludwigsaven side of the Rhine.

The raid was the seventh on Mannheim since the beginning of December. It is already known from sources other than reports of British pilots that great damage was done in industrial areas which were by no means the most severe.

Barges Hit

Rhine harbour was hit and barges were sunk, and it is revealed that the frame which helps to give Mannheim its position as the most important industrial centre in south-west Germany was seriously injured. Mannheim is also a vital railway junction and traffic to France had to be diverted to another and less satisfactory line.

CHIMARA FALLS:—OFFICIAL

Entire Garrison Surrenders

Special to the "Telegraph"

ATHENS, Dec. 23 (UP).—It is officially announced that Chimara was occupied by Greek troops at dusk last night after the defences on the outskirts of the city had been shelled for 48 hours.

It is also officially announced that the entire garrison of 153rd battalion of the Blackshirts surrendered including 800 men and 30 officers.

Ex-King Carol A Prisoner

Feared Life Is In Danger

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).

"I have good reason for believing that ex-King Carol's life is actually endangered. He is detained in the Andalusian Hotel at Seville by order of Senor Serrano Suner, Spanish Minister of the Interior, acting under pressure from Berlin. He cannot move or make any plans."

This dramatic statement was made to "Reuter" to-night by the former Rumanian Minister in London, M. V. V. Tila, now leader of the Free Rumanian Movement.

"Unjustified Treatment"

M. Tila, "that the Free Rumanian Movement does not propose to have anything to do with ex-King Carol and I am not in direct touch with him, but my information comes from reliable sources and I feel that a protest against this totally unjustified treatment of a private individual is urgently called for."

"Suner has ex-King Carol to thank for his life because he was given refuge in the Rumanian Legation in Madrid and Carol refused to give him up despite tremendous pressure from Barcelona."

"If Carol had given way Suner would certainly have met his death then."

"There is no just reason for not allowing Carol to go. He has given his word not to mix in politics for the duration of the war but the Spanish Government refuses to let him move."

BOMBING IRELAND

Enemy Planes Do No Damage

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).

The dropping of bombs in Northern Ireland is announced in an official statement by the Northern Ireland Ministry of Public Security.

The statement says: "On several occasions during the past week, enemy aircraft have been identified operating over Northern Ireland. Bombs have been dropped, all of which fell in open country. No damage was caused and there were no casualties."

Empire Air Scheme Is Ahead Of Schedule

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada is well ahead of schedule, it was revealed to-day by Colonel J. L. Ralston, Canadian Minister of Defence, who is visiting England for discussions with the Government and the military authorities.

Colonel Ralston said that the Air Training Scheme called for 104 schools and institutions of various sorts by next autumn. "I am in a position to say that these establishments will be completed six months earlier than the programme."

Canada would be spending on the scheme three times more than was called for and the number of graduates from the air training establishment would be doubled. Plans for aerodrome development would be completed before December

Japanese Slain In Shanghai

Three Chinese With Knives

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Yet another Japanese serviceman has been murdered in the Japanese-controlled area in Shanghai.

The fourth Japanese victim in recent weeks is Satoshi Miyazaki, of the Japanese Consular Police, who was "brutally murdered by three unidentified Chinese last Friday night."

In Nantao, the Japanese-occupied district adjoining the French Concession, according to the Japanese press.

Fifteen slashes were found on Miyazaki when he was picked up. He was rushed to hospital, where he died shortly afterwards.

It is believed that he was attacked with a meat chopper.

SHELTER HIT

MANCHESTER, Dec. 23 (UP).—A high explosive bomb hit a shelter last night in which 450 persons were housed. It is believed there were several casualties.

Manchester Casualties

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The number of fatal casualties in the raid on Manchester on Sunday night was comparatively small in view of the severity of the attack, it is stated to-night.



Churchill's Dramatic Appeal To The Italian Nation

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A dramatic appeal to the Italian nation to disavow Mussolini and to follow the House of Savoy was made by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, broadcasting from London to-night.

Mr Churchill also revealed for the first time that messages had passed between him and Il Duce just prior to Italy's entry into the war—messages which disclosed that Italy only took up arms against Britain because of her treaty with Germany.

"To-night," said Mr Churchill, "I speak to the Italian people and I speak to you from London, the heart of the British islands and of the British Commonwealth and Empire. I speak to you what diplomats call words of great truth and respect."

"We are at war—that is a very strange and terrible thought."

Always Been Friends
"Whoever would imagine until the last few melancholy years that the British and Italian nations would be trying to destroy one another? We have always been friends. We were the champions of the Italian re-sorgimento. We were partisans of Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour. All that great movement towards the liberty of the Italian nation which lighted the 19th century was aided and was hailed by the British Parliament and public."

"Our fathers and our grandfathers longed to see Italy freed from the Austrian yoke and to see all minor barriers in Italy swept away so that the Italian people and their fair land might take their honoured place as one of the leading Powers upon the continent and as a brilliant and gifted member of the family of Europe and of Christendom."

Last War Recalled
"We have never been your foes until now. In the last war against the barbarous Huns we were your comrades. For 15 years after that war, we were your friends. Although the institutions which you adopted

after the war were not akin to ours and diverged as we think from the sovereign impulses which had commanded the unity of Italy, we could still walk together in peace and goodwill."

"Many thousands of our people dwell with you in Italy. We liked each other, we got on well together. There were reciprocal services; there was unity; there was esteem. And now we are at war: now we are condemned to work each other's ruin. Our aviators are tearing and will tear your African Empire to shreds and latitudes."

One Man Responsible
"How has all this come about and what is it all for?"
"Italians, I will tell you the truth. It is all because of one man. One man and one man alone has ranged the Italian people in a deadly struggle against the British Empire and has deprived Italy of the sympathy and influence of the United States of America."

"That he is a great man I do not deny, but that after 18 years of unbridled power he has led your country to the horrid verge of ruin can be denied by none."

"It is all one man, who against the crown and the Royal family, against the Pope and all the authority of the Vatican and of the Roman Catholic Church, has led your country to this point."

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Furness Millions Heir Missing, Believed Dead

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A British officer who was reported "missing, believed dead," is named the chief heir to the Furness millions.

He is the Hon. Christopher Furness, son of Viscount Furness, shipbuilder and industrialist, who died in October, leaving unsettled estate valued at over £3,661,000, of which £1,850,000 estate duty has been paid.

Viscount Furness left seven-eighths of the residue of his property on trust for his son Christopher. It was revealed here to-day that in spite of far-reaching inquiries, no news of Christopher has been received.

MEN WHO BOMB THE ITALIANS

Here are some of the R.A.F. men who have been wreaking havoc among the retreating Italians in Libya, and also devastating the Italian supply bases. They were being addressed by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore when this picture was taken.



Mr Eden's Message To The Army

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—In the final reckoning with Hitler, the Army will have a decisive part to play, Mr Eden declared in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on leaving the War Office to assume the Foreign Secretaryship.

To all ranks Mr Eden expressed deep gratitude for their loyal, cheerful and untiring help during a period which had had no parallel in history.

Referring to the Egyptian campaign, Mr Eden declared that the Army of the Nile's brilliant victory was the first reward of much patient effort no less than of dash and daring.

The quality of the Army of the Middle East to command success has been proved in Africa as one day it would be proved in Europe.

LATEST

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TOOK DEAD MAN'S IDENTITY

German Landed In Britain

The story of a German impersonating an Englishman, whose name appears on the roll of honour of a war memorial in a little Sussex village, was told at West London Police Court recently.

A man, described on the charge sheet as Ernst Ehrensperger (49), a German, alias Ernest Clark, of Avonmore Road, West Kensington, London, was sentenced to four months imprisonment for landing in the United Kingdom without leave of the immigration officer. He was further charged with failing to furnish to the registration officer particulars as set out in the schedule of the Aliens Order.

Sentencing Ehrensperger, the Magistrate, Mr Paul Bennett, K.C., remarked:—"To hear of a case like this causes me a certain amount of uneasiness. What happens to you eventually is none of my business."

Mr C. Melville, prosecuting, said that this German came to England in 1933, and after registering at Bow Street in the name of Ehrensperger, a German born at Munich, was permitted to remain until 1934, when he left the country.

He had no permission to enter the country since, added Mr Melville, but, according to his own story, he returned that September, using the name of Ernest Leslie Clark, and entering on a passport issued by the British Consul in Ostend.

He was seen on August 14 by a detective-sergeant of the Special Branch, and he produced an identity card signed in the name of Clark. He also produced a birth certificate in that name.

"Police officers have made inquiries in a village in Sussex," said Mr Melville, "and they have discovered that this Ernest Clark, whom he claims to be, was killed in action in the last war, in 1917. His name is inscribed on a war memorial, and his brother is in Court."

Two Sets of Lies
Sergeant Garrett told Mr Leslie Smith, defending, that at Bow Street in 1933, extradition proceedings were taken by the Berlin Police against Ehrensperger, but the case was dismissed. Mr Smith declared that Ehrensperger maintained that that was a trick to get him back because he was politically opposed to the Nazis.

Ehrensperger had told two sets of lies to get into this country, because he was, in his own words, "a hunted dog." He said that in his youth he was known as Ernest Selld, and lived in Munich with his parents, who were wealthy. He was educated at the High School, and subsequently at Munich University.

No Birth Entry
At the age of 21 he tried to get a passport. No entry of his birth in Germany could be found, and his request was refused. His parents told him that they had adopted him when he was three when they visited England, and that his real name was Clark.

When in Britain in 1936 he examined the Somerset House Records, and obtained a copy of the birth certificate of a man named Ernest Leslie Clark, who was born in a village near Titchhurst, Sussex, because he thought it was probably himself. He still genuinely believed that his name was Clark, but could not prove it.

Mr Bennett said that there was not a document which could check Ehrensperger's story.

UNITED ECONOMIC FRONT To Protect Investments

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP).—A united economic front between the United States and Great Britain to protect investments in the Latin American Republics was urged recently by Eugene P. Thomas, president of the National Foreign Trade Council.

The programme, he said, should be linked with defence measures. One of the chief tasks in such an economic front, he added, would be to relieve the Latin-American countries of surplus.

DIET FOR FINICKY CHILDREN

It isn't always naughtiness that makes children go off their food. It is more often "Nerviness," tired digestion and the need for the stimulus of a new, palatable easily digested food.

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HOOVER DAM HURLS FLOOD

A mighty, man-made torrent of 30,000,000 gallons of water a minute was recently unleashed from Hoover Dam.

A touch of a button created the spectacle, observed by more than 20,000 persons assembled for the fourth anniversary of power generation at the project.

Eleven Valves Open
The button was pushed by Irving Harris, director of power, and it opened all but one of the 12 giant outlet valves in the Boulder Canyon walls.

Each of the valves throws an eight and one-half-foot stream of water.

The mighty cascade descends in a fall greater by 13 feet than that of world-famed Niagara.

Like a well-planned, perfectly timed production of stage or screen the spectacle was unfolded as one at a time the valves were opened.

Thunderous Voice
The cascading water set up a rumbling roar. As additional valves were opened the noise grew louder. Soon the din blotted out all sound save its own thunderous voice.

Half of the valves open on the Nevada side of the project, the others on the Arizona section. The cascades met in midair, 150 feet above the stream bed, creating a geyser which splattered water for thousands of feet, drenching many spectators and producing a heavy mist which made it necessary for motorists around the area to bring windshield wipers into action.

Engineers See Test
A glinting sun shining through the mist produced double rainbows in profusion, adding to the lavishness of the show.

The valve opening, witnessed by a special delegation of Los Angeles engineers flying over the dam in a T.W.A. airliner, was held as a test operation to enable certain they are all in working order and ready to be utilized in case of emergency.

Harris emphasized at the brief ceremony that contrary to some reports the dam is not closed to the public, spectators being freely welcomed at any time.

More Nazis For Prague

Another 30,000 Germans are to be billeted on the citizens of Prague. The city is now very congested, but reports which have reached London show that the Government of the Protectorate will order the removal of all Czechs whose residence in Prague is not considered to be essential.

Czech women are being refused admittance to the Prague maternity hospital, where many beds have been prepared specially for Germans.

The growth of the German population of Prague is an advantage to members of the Vlasika, the German-controlled Fascist organization, who are not depressed by the failure of their recently attempted coup. There are many indications that another will be attempted.

POLICEMAN SAVES PILOT, GIVEN THE O.B.E.

Arthur Hendon Cole is a sergeant in the Kent Special Constabulary. A recent London Gazette told that he had been awarded the medal of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire.

And this is why:—"An aircraft of the R.A.F., taking off from Biggin Hill airfield, crashed and turned over in the garden of the house next to that occupied by Sergeant Cole.

The pilot was trapped and hanging by his harness upside down. "Cole ran to his assistance and, although expecting the aircraft to catch fire and blow up at any moment, he freed the pilot from his gear and dragged him away, saving his life."

"The aircraft caught fire, and the petrol tank exploded a minute or two after the pilot had been released."

TEAMED FOR FIRST TIME



"LUCKY PARTNER," the Christmas attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, brings Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman together in a picture for the first time. Above, they are photographed at the premiere of the film.

Opposed Draft Registration

American Divinity Students Sentenced

STUBBORNLY rejecting the pleas of their prosecutor and the court to change their minds and register, eight Union Theological Seminary students were sentenced in New York recently to a year and a day each for violation of the Selective Service act.

On the recommendation of U.S. Attorney Cahill, however, Federal Judge Mandelbaum instructed the defendants that if at any time during the serving of the terms any of them decided to change their minds and register, the court would then be willing to entertain a motion for reduction of sentence.

Cahill made a lengthy statement to the court pointing out that the defendants, as divinity students, were exempt from conscription from the start. He cited the fact that they had nevertheless refused to register and emphasized that subsequently they had been given every possible opportunity to sign up in accordance with the law.

"They have, however, persisted in and continue to persist in their refusal to register," he added, with obvious regret. "In view of these facts, it is the recommendation of the U.S. attorney that they be sentenced to a year and a day in a federal penitentiary."

Plea for Leniency
Kenneth Walker, attorney for the defendants, told the court that his clients had not asked him to plead for leniency, but that he was asking that they be given suspended sentences, nevertheless, in behalf of their parents and as an officer of the court.

He pointed out that the students had dedicated their lives to religion and that they could not participate in mass killing of human beings under any circumstances.

Judge Mandelbaum, deeply moved, said, in a quavering voice:

No Legal Basis

"There is no legal basis for their failure to register as 16,000,000 or 17,000,000 others have done. But I offer them even now the opportunity to change their minds."

Then he ordered their names read to give each an opportunity to change his stand.

Stood Firm

But each, in turn, stood firm, and there was a ripple of approval from the spectators—including many relatives and fellow students.

Those sentenced were:—

Richard W. Welch, 22, Binghamton, graduate of Syracuse University.

William N. Lovell, 24, Poughkeepsie, president of the Union Theological student body and graduate of Yale.

Donald Benedict, 23, Newark, N. Y., Albion College graduate.

David Dellinger, 23, Wakefield, Mass., Yale graduate.

Meredit Dallas, 23, Grosse Pointe, Mich., Albion graduate.

George M. Houser, 24, Denver, University of Denver graduate.

Joseph G. Bevilacqua, 24, Buffalo, Tufts graduate.

Howard E. Spragg, 23, Malden, Mass., Tufts graduate.

Spain Agrees To Take Less Oil

It is learned in London that agreement had been reached with the Spanish Government, limiting the amount of future oil imports into Spain.

The agreement is believed to be based on Spanish oil consumption during the pre-civil war period as modified by present conditions.

While allowing Spain adequate quantities for home consumption, it will leave no oil to spare, which might find its way to Germany or Italy.

AMERICA PLANS MASS DRILLS Cure Bulging Waistlines

Public parks and squares in the United States may soon provide the spectacle of ordinary citizens vigorously knee-bending and arm-stretching beneath the stern eyes of Federal physical training instructors.

President Roosevelt has decided that there are too many bulging waistlines and flabby muscles in the United States and has called the Philadelphia Democratic leader and former Olympic sculling champion, John B. Kelly, to the White House to discuss the possibility of organizing a mass physical training scheme to supplement the national defence programme.

Both Mr Roosevelt and Mr Willkie, the defeated Republican candidate for the Presidency, complained in speeches that the country had gone soft and needed toughening.

Army officers complained that during recent manoeuvres men of the National Guard were exhausted after a five-mile march.

College football coaches have complained for nearly a decade that the youth of the country was developing rubber legs through the habit of never walking even a few yards if riding were possible.

Argentine's Anti-Nazi Demand

A telegram to the Minister of the Interior, urging drastic measures against alleged Nazi activities in the territory of Misiones, in the north-east of the Argentine, was recently printed prominently in the Buenos Ayres newspapers.

The telegram came from the Secretary-General of the Accion Argentina, a pro-democratic organization at Posadas, the capital of the territory, and declared:

"The citizens have decided no longer to tolerate daily affronts by misguided elements who are polluting the district like a disease."

Clashes between Nazis and Accion Argentina are feared, and the Nazis are reported to be accumulating arms.

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WIFE IS KILLED BY BOMBS

After Alleged Murder Attempt

A woman, whose husband was alleged to have attempted to murder her in an Anderson shelter, was later killed by bombs when the hospital to which she had been taken received a direct hit.

A solicitor, Mr E. Weale, made this statement at Dartford when the husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, 30, labourer, of Dartford, was sent for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

Mr Weale said that Mrs Clark was found lying unconscious in the shelter by an ambulance driver and a nurse. She was removed to the hospital, and an operation performed which appeared to be successful. But shortly afterwards the hospital was bombed.

The ward in which Mrs Clark was lying received a direct hit, and she died as a result of the bombing.

Sleeping Children
The ambulance driver said that in the shelter lying near Mrs Clark, were her two children fast asleep. Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Det-Sgt. White, of Dartford, said that when arrested Clark described how he and his wife sat with the children in the shelter throughout the night of Sept. 1 and 2, and went on: "Before it got light, we had a quarrel because I asked her to let me go into lodgings and have a separation. I lost my temper. I struck her on the head with my fist, she fell back as though she was unconscious."

She Designed Mobile Kitchen

A trailer cookery demonstration kitchen, which has been presented to the London County Council by Mrs William Paterson, was designed by herself.

"The kitchen is primarily intended for educational purposes in connection with the food education campaign, but it will be used for the time being for communal feeding in the badly-hit London areas," an Evening News woman representative was told recently.

"Mrs Paterson, who is honorary organiser of the welfare centres maintained by the Electrical Association for Women, intends this mobile kitchen to show the housewife how to make the most of a small kitchen, which may be planned as a labour-saving workshop in which everything has its place."

Use of Wall Space
Full use is made of wall space to accommodate cupboard for china and cooking utensils.

"There is a special cool cavity for storing butter and milk, and vegetables hold vegetables at the back of a door."

"Wires hold saucepan handles in place, and the front of the water tank above the sink is used as a black-board for demonstration purposes."

"An oil-cooker is supplied, and the kitchen is also wired for electricity."

Mrs Paterson designed the first of the fleet of seven mobile E.A.W. canteens, which serve security light and anti-aircraft batteries and other war service units in various parts of the country.

LESS WORKLESS; 500,000 Cut in a Year

Britain has nearly 500,000 fewer totally unemployed than a year ago, figures issued by the Labour Ministry show.

On September 16 there were 613,671 men, women, boys and girls registered as out of work, compared with 1,052,218 on September 11 last year.

The September figure shows that there has been little alteration in the position since August 12.

Compared with a year ago the register of men wholly unemployed has been cut in half.

The Ministry has ceased to give details of unemployment in industries, but it records that the only industry in which there was "considerable unemployment" was coal mining.



EMPRESS SURVIVORS—Among 598 of 643 passengers rescued from the Empress of Britain, sunk by a German plane 60 miles off the Irish coast, were these, landed at an unidentified port. Sergeant Peaston, left, was reunited with his wife and daughter.

Automobile Industry's Big Role In U.S. Rearmament Programme

By MACK JOHNSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—National defence developments revealed today the increasingly important role the automobile industry is playing in the rearmament programme. The automobile big three—General Motors, Ford and Chrysler—all are becoming important factors in the building of planes, tanks and guns for an unprecedented peace-time Army and Navy.

The Army and the Defence Commission are preparing to construct one or more huge plants in which to assemble planes from parts manufactured in automobile factories.

Recent defence contracts placed with Chrysler and General Motors Corporations called for 1,000 medium 23-ton tanks and 71,225 Browning machine-guns.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has accepted Henry Ford's offer of the use of his River Rouge plant, near Detroit, to train machinists for the Naval expansion programme.

Defence production co-ordinator, William S. Knudsen, has asked automobile manufacturers to pool production resources to build 12,000 bombers for the Army Air Corps. This order would be the first to be assembled in the projected assembly plant or plants.

Huge Cost
The cost of constructing the assembly facilities and of the first lot of planes has been estimated at \$2,000,000,000. The new Congress will be asked for the money soon after it convenes in January.

The new assembly facilities will be financed by the U.S. Government and operated by an undisclosed aircraft manufacturer. Defence officials said the plants would be built near automobile manufacturing centres—probably in Michigan or Indiana—next spring.

A Navy spokesman said no details have been worked out between Knox and Ford on the machinist training programme and that it was impossible to determine at this time the number of men who could be given training or when training could be started. He estimated that approximately 500 could be trained at one time, and that the first contingent would be sent as soon as possible. The Navy has but one apprentice school—at Norfolk, Virginia.

The Army has declined to reveal details of the tank and machine-gun contracts with Chrysler and General Motors, having announced only the amounts—\$53,500,000 to Chrysler for tanks, and \$61,398,872 to General Motors for machine-guns.

Tanks and Guns
The United Press learned, however, that the Chrysler contract, on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis, calls for the new M2A-1 tank—a 50 mile-per-hour vehicle embodying all recent developments. It will be equipped with a 37 MM cannon and machine-guns for land action and anti-aircraft defence.

The tanks will be built at a new arsenal, which is being erected at Warren Township, Michigan, at a cost of \$20,000,000. The plant will be owned by the Government and operated by Chrysler. The contract calls for delivery of the first three tanks next July.

Production of 100 tanks per month—the peak—will be attained in November and continue at that rate until the summer of 1942, when the contract expires.

The War Department will pay \$33,500 for each tank, it was learned. That does not include the price of the engines.

The machine-gun contract with General Motors calls for production of 20,004 of .30 calibre A-4 flexible

HITLER HAS FIVE IDEAS

Hitler has five big ideas for America. Here they are:

1.—To buy up South American Republics by guaranteeing an outlet for their exports.

2.—To sink the Monroe Doctrine without trace.

3.—To make the United States' load of gold—the biggest in the world—valueless.

4.—To gain political control of South America after he has won economic control as in Plan No. 1.

5.—To make the United States a political appendage of the German Reich.

This ambitious programme was revealed in a book published in New York by two distinguished American economists Dr Clark Foreman, chairman of the committee on United States economic defence, and Joan Raushenbush.

The book, "Total Defence," has caused a sensation in Washington, where it is considered to be an accurate and objective account of Hitler's plans.

WARTIME WEDDINGS ENDED

DIVORCE courts in Britain are glutted with cases, and many of the couples are those who married in the early days of the war.

Uniforms and war glamour have never failed to result in a number of hasty marriages.

Marriages in this first year of war have increased fifty per cent. Divorces are expected to number about 35,000.

"War is always accompanied by an increase in divorce," an official of the Church Army said.

"This is because many couples who have long been conscious of their married unhappiness have felt that war is such an all-inclusive crisis that it is the appropriate moment for bringing their marriage to an end."

Evacuation Blamed
Evacuation is having a profound effect on marriage. Salvation Army officers all over the country have reported this fact to their headquarters.

The break-up of families has psychological, emotional and moral reactions which many marriages seem unable to stand," say officials of the Army.

Wives in reception areas are enjoying a new freedom, and husbands, left behind in the work-cities, are recapturing a lost bachelorhood.

Wanted To See London

Plumber's Boy's Wish

Wanting to see London, a plumber's boy, aged 17, whose home is in Renfrew, took a train from Glasgow and duly arrived in the Metropolis. Unfortunately for him, he had omitted the formality of taking a ticket, and he found himself under arrest.

After a week in custody on remand, he appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court before Mr W. R. Howard.

Addressing him, the Magistrate remarked, "When you had been before me last week I was afraid your father and mother would be anxious about you, so I asked the probation officer to get into touch with them. They were glad to hear of you, and sent the fare straight away."

"You have now had an experience of travelling, but I am afraid you have not seen London as you wanted to do, because your train home goes in about an hour's time. The probation officer will see you to the train."

"Don't be afraid, because your father and mother will be glad to see you home again and will treat you properly. If you look after them and try to make them happy, everything will be all right. Good luck to you."

The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act.

CANADA'S FOOD FOR BRITAIN

An important Government mission from Canada will, I learn, come to London shortly to discuss questions relating to food supplies. It will consist of Mr. J. G. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture and expert advisers, writes a London correspondent.

The chief object of the mission will be to decide the quantities of food Britain will require in the coming year and how much could be stored in Canada rather than shipped here at once. Shipping arrangements, methods of payment and similar questions will be discussed and the conversations will cover fish as well as Canada's agricultural products.

In view of the necessity for conserving shipping space, arrangements will be made to concentrate upon the foods of greatest nutritive value in framing the programme of imports.

On the British side Ministers who are expected to conduct the talks include Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, Mr R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping.

BRITISH CROWD MOBS PILOT BY MISTAKE

A British pilot who baled out of his crippled fighter during a dog-fight with German bombers on the outskirts of London, and landed in the car park of a public-house, was mistaken for a Nazi airman by a small crowd of angry civilians, and narrowly escaped manhandling.

He was saved by a 'bus-driver, who noticed the threatening attitude of the crowd and persuaded them to leave him alone.

When the crowd learned that they had nearly attacked a British pilot whose machine had been shot down they expressed sorrow, but explained they were infuriated by the indiscriminate bombing of non-military targets by Nazi airmen.

The pilot was slightly hurt in landing and was removed to hospital, where he is still under treatment. One of his first visitors was the driver who saved him.

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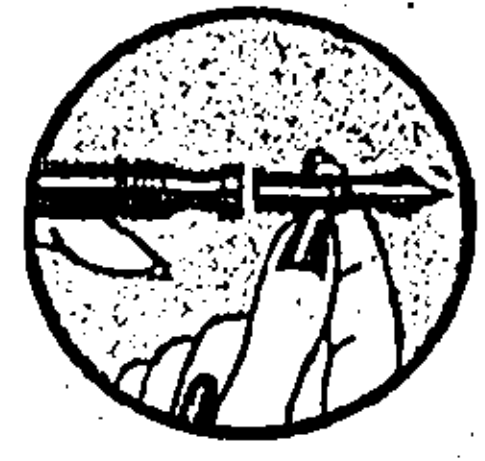
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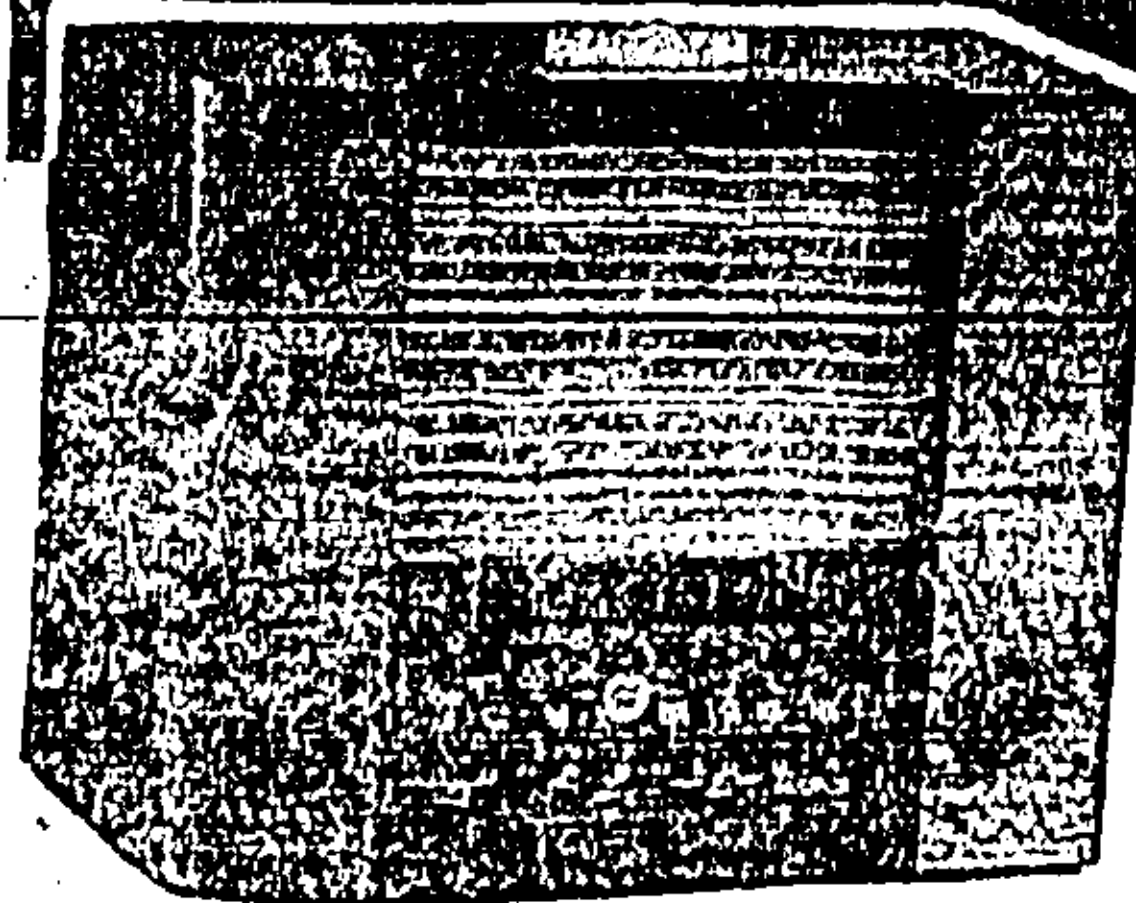
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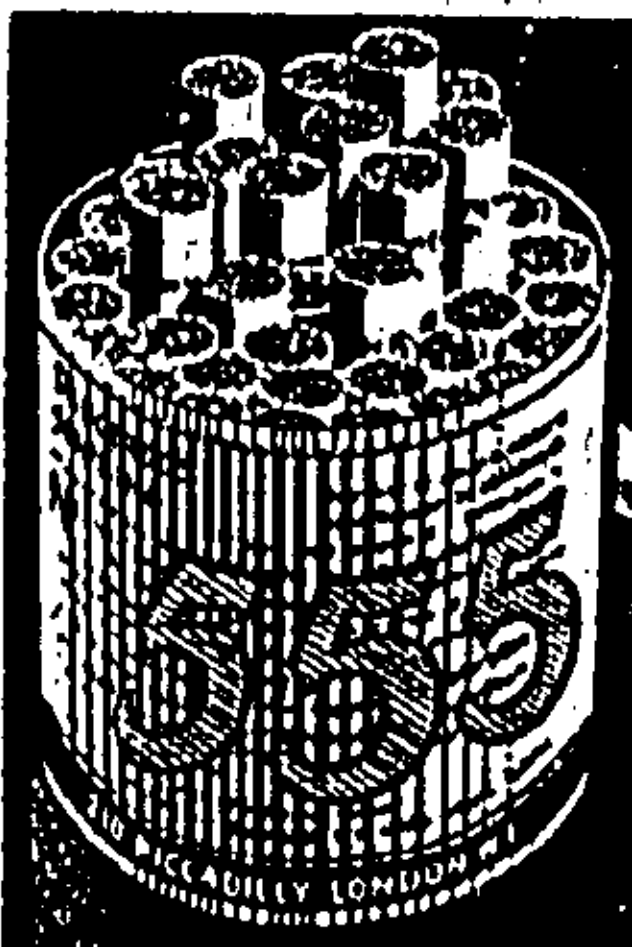
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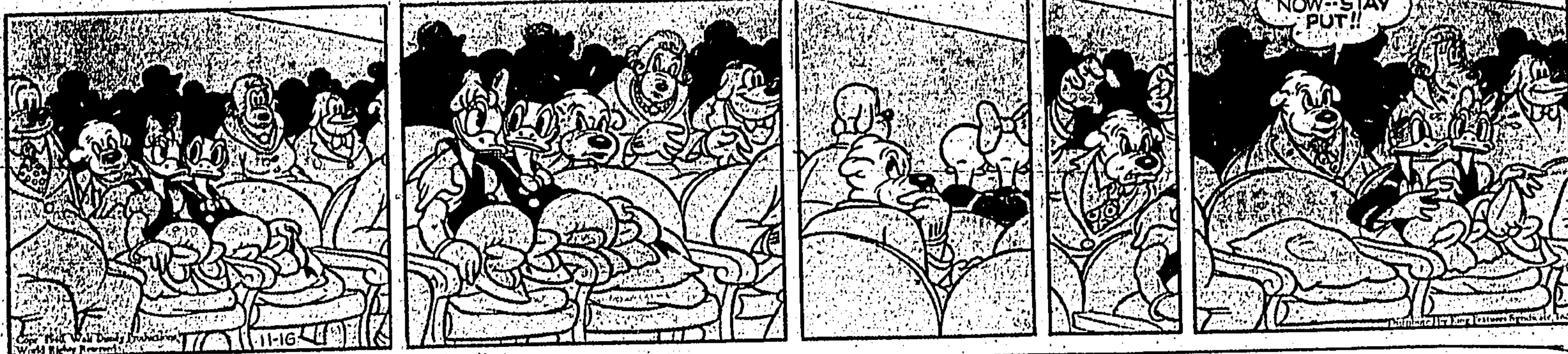
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This is Christmas Eve—Read This Story to Your Children

ON the hills round Bethlehem the shepherds keep watch over their flocks beneath the star-lit sky.

They crouch over the embers of their fire, pulling their cloaks more closely round them, for the night is cold. But a light in the sky makes them lift their heads, makes them wonder whether they are dreaming, makes them cry out to one another. A shining form, another and another, until the air is bright with pinions.

Then a voice, more beautiful than any music their ears had ever heard, with a strange, compelling, dignity, breaking the hushed silence of the eastern night.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth."

"Peace among the men of goodwill."

What is it all about, this strange movement of men towards a lowly stable?

Come to Bethlehem and see! The little town, that covers the top of a hill and looks from a distance for all the world like a little toy-town made by a child with square, white cardboard boxes, is packed with people.

A decree, has gone forth from Caesar Augustus that men must be taxed, and an enrolment made in their native places. The rich have got the best accommodation, of course. They have had themselves carried in luxurious litters, or they have ridden in on camels gorgeously caparisoned.

Poor men slouch along the trucks over the rough hills covered with camel-thorn and

THE FIRST NOEL

By THE REV.

LESLIE WEATHERHEAD

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course grass, weary and despondent and dispirited. It is another whim of the hated tyrant in Rome that they should make this tiresome journey.

DARKNESS has fallen, but the moon has risen. In the moonlight you can hear the tinkle of a bell tied round the neck of a patient donkey.

His bridle is held by the hand of a carpenter named Joseph, who has trudged all the way from Nazareth. He is weary. And worried, too.

It seemed to him that his happiness was crowned when gentle and virginal Mary, daughter of his greatest friend, and only seventeen years of age, consented to be his betrothed.

But a strange thing had happened. An angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would be the mother of a child, the Saviour, who would be called Jesus.

Mary thought the child might be born soon. The faith-

ful donkey bearing all unknowingly the Treasure of the Ages, trod gently, but the journey had been a long one, and Mary longed for rest.

They had hoped to stay with friends for the enrolment.

Humble folk like Joseph and Mary from a village home did not put up at inns, when relatives would welcome them. But trudging along the last few miles Joseph had hesitated. The relatives lived on the other side of the town. Time was precious.

He must try the inn, cost what it may. But the inn was hopelessly full. The innkeeper would not listen to them. One look at their travel-stained garments, and he thrust them out.

YOU can see them there in the narrow street, its hard cobbles shining in the moonlight. Mary is nearly swooning with pain and weariness. The very beast is trembling with exhaustion.

Once more Joseph plods on. It must be the house of their friends now.

But even the house was full of noisy guests. And it was a one-roomed house, probably, as all the poorer houses were. Joseph reaches the house at last. It is late now, and he shudders to hear the noise within, but at his entry and gesture the host—a cousin, perhaps, or even a brother—comes out to him.

All the privacy that can be offered is a bed of straw among the animals. It is gratefully and gladly accepted.

There is warmth, at any rate, and shelter, warm milk, and simple fare, and, above all, rest at last.

DURING the night, in the soft, sweet scented hay, in a place made Botticelli, Florentine artist, did the painting about 1480. It is called the Child Madonna, or the Child Botticelli, in honour of the artist's patron, Count Chigi. The original is in the Gardner Museum, Boston. Warm by the breathing bodies of ox and ass, the Saviour of the world was born.

Look, imaginatively and reverently! For here is the miracle of the ages, very God of very God—asleep on the hay.

The world still sleeps, and turns and moans in her sleep. She seems unable to awaken. She dreams sometimes with bright, happy dreams, and then sinks back into meaningless lethargy or the disturbed dreams of the drugged.

When she awakens it will be to find that baby fingers can unlock the meaning of life, and point the way to paths of purpose. Baby hands could release us from our bondage if they would only pull our proud heads down as low as the manger and teach us the royal values of humility, unselfishness, and love. These things can give the individual heart the joy which this feverish generation has brushed aside.

So, for to-day and to-morrow, let us remember Bethlehem. The world was born-again-then.

And one day man will turn, nauseated and satiated, to find his deepest happiness, not in the things that the world calls great and wise and mighty.

He will find it in some moment of wondering awe when it means everything to him that He who did not despise a manger will stoop yet lower and make the lowly, human heart His dwelling place and His throne.

THE CHIGI MADONNA

War flames in Europe, but Christian nations the world over continue to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Symbolic of the day is this beautiful painting by Sandro Botticelli, showing the lovely Madonna and the Infant Christ. Yet a note of tragedy lingers in the picture. The angel at left presents ears of wheat and bunches of grapes, representing the bread and wine to be used years later—at the Last Supper—just before Christ's death. The Infant Christ blesses these fateful symbols with upraised hand.



GERMANY LAUGHS AT OWN A.A.

Messages reaching New York from neutral sources in Berlin indicate the lack of success attending the German anti-aircraft fire.

The Schwarze Korps, the organ of the Black Guards, protests against the wave of jokes at the expense of the German anti-aircraft artillery which has flooded the country since the R.A.F. began its present extensive series of bombings of the Reich.

The anti-aircraft artillery joke has, in fact, taken the place of the pre-war jokes concerning crabs—substitute—"raw" material and other political jokes, the article points out.

The Schwarze Korps disclaims any intention of defending the honour of the anti-aircraft artillery. No such defence, it asserts, is necessary.

Civilians Blamed

It does, however, devote two full columns to an explanation of the virtues of these guns and their crews, their achievements, their importance and their general excellence, and makes a vitriolic attack on citizens so ignorant or so evil as to seek to discredit this arm of the Service by telling jokes at its expense.

Soldiers who understand these matters appreciate the value of the anti-aircraft artillery, the article states, but the civilian at home is too ignorant to do so.

SOLDIERS OF TRADE UNIONS

Strict, vigilant neutrality and preparedness for any emergency remain the keynote of Soviet foreign and internal policy.

This is the dominant factor determining Russia's attitude to the Axis as well as to Britain and the United States.

Observers are impressed with yesterday's detailed eye-witness account by the London correspondent of the Tass Agency of Britain's A.A. defences.

Trade Unionists

This message, printed by all papers, described the excellently equipped batteries, the abundance of fighting material, the good food, and remarked that most soldiers the correspondent approached were trade union members—a significant detail for readers in a country run by workers.

The message concluded: "The present British air defences are much better than any yet encountered by the German Air Force."

One cannot over-emphasize that, provided Russian neutrality is not violated, the U.S.S.R. will continue to trade with all countries.

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CHRISTMAS, 1940

THE second Christmas of the European war finds the world ill-attuned for the proper celebration of this festival which, according to the Christian teachings, should be a time of re-dedication in the cause of peace and goodwill. Modern war's most fiendish savagery has been let loose in the past months, making fine mockery of the world's annual plea for kindly brotherhood, and providing the cynics with unlimited opportunities for jeering at ethical ideals.

Nevertheless, so firmly rooted are the Christmastide conceptions of benevolence and charity, that even though two-thirds of the world be beset with armed strife and ill-will, it is possible to believe that the cherished traditions of this festival will not be completely obliterated.

Hongkong's festivities are bound to be more subdued than hitherto, not only because hundreds of homes have been temporarily broken up as a result of evacuation, but in the knowledge that in Britain, relatives and friends will face the dawn of Christmas Day with a fair prospect of being sent to the air raid shelters by the presence of Nazi bombers. Britain will probably spend the strangest Christmas in its history; the Christmas of the front line trenches where the shadow of death is always present. Yet Britain, despite the grim background, will contrive to observe to-morrow in the customary spirit. If anything, the people will probably get nearer to the higher conceptions of the occasion than during peace time; more than ever will be found the desire for personal kindness and the charity of individual effort which demands sacrifice.

The example may be well followed by Hongkong; the time is not meet for riotous celebration, but for chivalrous and sincere endeavour on behalf of those less fortunate; it is possible for the Colony to make the old-time Christmas message mean more this year than it has ever, has in the past, for the

ANOTHER WEAPON TO DESTROY HITLER

The Three Arrows once stood for Democracy in Germany. They could do so again. This article suggests that we should adopt this symbol for co-operation with all international anti-Hitler forces.

A NEUTRAL traveller in wartime Germany has reported that he saw one morning on the brick walls of a Düsseldorf factory three arrows scrawled in chalk. They were three parallel arrows, equal in length, pointing downwards from right to left.

Eight years ago that sign was as well known in Germany as the Nazi Swastika. It was the one symbol which might have defeated the Swastika.

Eight years ago there was still hope in Germany. The three arrows were the outward sign of the rising temper of all classes against the powerful and irresponsible gangsterdom of the Nazis.

It was the last throw of the German Socialist movement and it nearly came off.

Up till the opening of 1932 no organised opposition threatened Hitler. Each party in the Reichstag had for many years boasted its own colours and its own insignia. Some even organised small scale corps of political shock troops—but they were little more than chuckers-out for their meetings.

Then in a quiet, working-class suburb of Berlin an ex-soldier, thin and spectacled, planned a rival force to the Nazi Storm Troops. His name was Max Holtermann and he gave the title "Iron Front" to his still unorganised body of devoted anti-Nazis. They adopted the sign of the three arrows (Drei Pfeiler) as their badge and the simple slogan "Freedom" (Freiheit) for their greeting.

By July, 1932, every section of the working-class movement had rallied to this new opposition. Its meetings were addressed by speakers of widely different parties—but they all had one thing in common—hatred of Fascism. The Iron Front became the first effective Popular Front movement in the post-war world; Liberals, Catholics, Socialists and even Communists wore the three arrows. But its backbone was found among the German ex-Servicemen.

Even in 1932 it was clear as daylight to the rank and file democrats in Germany whither Nazidom was leading. And they knew the Nazis could only be fought with their own weapons.

So it was that by July eight years ago one could not travel in Germany without seeing in every street of every town some form of that simple and powerful emblem—the three arrows.

They were chalked on the pavements, and worn in button-holes; small paper arrows taking up no more space than a visiting card would be found lying on doorsteps, in the road, on bus

seats and on the tables in the beer halls.

Thirty million paper arrows were stamped out; many were gummed and stuck on shop windows, on motor-cars and railway trains. Rubber shoes were soled with the impression of the three arrows; small pennant flags on bicycles and hanging banners in the streets carried the three silver arrows on a red field.

And together with the arrows went a new fearlessness among the ordinary, decent citizens of Germany. The Freiheit greeting was exchanged as freely and proudly as the Heil-Hitler. And man for man the Iron Front was a finer army than the numerically superior battalions of the Nazi Storm Troopers.

The tragedy of this eleventh-hour expression of the loathing

that every decent German felt for the whole ramshackle Hitler movement was that it came too late. Its fate was the fate of all those countries that too late resolved to defy Nazism—it was beaten up. The Brown-shirts had the machine-guns.

But the arrows are still being chalked up on the walls of that Düsseldorf factory—and if there, why not on many others? Those arrows are still cherished in Germany by brave men who have not forgotten.

Does this not suggest anything to us who are now fighting Hitler with every ounce of

our resources? Does it not show us who in Germany could and would be our allies if only they felt sure that we English would speak to them in a language they know and understand?

Heaven knows how many people in England are waiting for some move from our side to give just a little encouragement to the anti-Hitler forces in Germany, some definition of our aims besides victory and the liberation of subjected nations.

Here in the three arrows of democratic Germany we have the symbol of unity and common-cause—that is needed to convince the world that we are fighting this war under a wider banner than the Union Jack.

If we in England adopted the Three Arrows as our battle standard; if we were to make

the first arrow stand for "No Surrender and no Compromise with Fascism anywhere"; the second for "People before Property," and the third for "World beyond War," we would have three simple and honourable aims which must appeal, not only to our own masses, but to the masses of German workers and liberals and Catholics who hate and loathe Hitler, but who dare not oppose him because they witness, as yet, no cause with appeal strong enough to supplant him.

Look ahead a step. Assume that we in England have accepted those three broad planks to our platform. How could we use them? Primarily for propaganda—but how? Let us, to start with, paint them on the wings of our bombers.

To-day the German Rhineland workers see bombers with the three circles of Britain on their wings. They may be anti-Hitler, but in war it is human nature for them to be Germans first. Each time a British bomber is brought down over Germany they must at least be thankful.

But imagine what would be their feelings if they saw their own three arrows blazoned on our bombers' wings. The war would change for them. It would not be Britain against Germany—but Britain and the old Germany they loved against Hitler and the new Germany they are forced to accept.

Then in France what would these three arrows of international anti-Fascism stand for? For those three historic principles which Pétain has seen fit to discard—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Let all our leaflets and propaganda to France bear that stamp. And over other countries let us proudly proclaim that we stand for three just precepts at which no civilised man can cavil.

The time will come later when the details of the new world order will be proposed—but let us at first accept in broad outline the three basic principles of "No Surrender," "People before Property," and "World beyond War." When we have done that and have offered an equal partnership in victory to all anti-Fascists of whatever race, we can look forward to a speedier end to this war and a juster peace after it is over.

Devil's Isle Abandoned By Troops

Hollow-Eyed, fever-ridden fugitives from Cayenne, notorious prison colony in French Guiana, who have reached St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, in a small boat, revealed that the French troops and police stationed there have abandoned the settlement in a body.

They have gone to enlist under General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

Henri Roulet, leader of the fugitives, told the authorities at St. Thomas that the only prisoners now remaining are 300 at Devil's Island.

All those at Cayenne itself, he said, have been liberated.

Many Germans and Italians have arrived at Cayenne, said Roulet, and are trying to establish order.

Devil's Island, one of the most notorious penal settlements in the world, was the place of detention of Dreyfus, till he was cleared, after twelve years, of the false accusation of treason.

fight that is being waged by Britain, her empire and her allies is none other than the realisation of the Angels' exhortation, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men."

I Sailed In A CHILDREN'S SHIP

By
Doris
Buchanan

I HAVE just completed the most extraordinary Atlantic crossing I have ever made; certainly the most thrilling.

First, two days lying at anchor in a British port while our party were being collected. In our "party" were four ships—two big liners ultimately bound for New York, ourselves and our sister ship for Canada. Nearby were the two warships—our boy friends—who were to escort us through the danger zone to a point beyond Ireland. We were then to be left to zig-zag our course at top speed, relying on our own guns to guard us against the German raider that is molesting traffic farther south.

THE AIR GUARD

At last we steamed away, heading towards a convoy of 30 cargo boats that were dotted along the horizon. Soon they were behind us, diminishing to mere specks again as we sped into the straits between Ireland and Scotland.

Overhead a coastal aeroplane zoomed as if to relieve the boredom of his patrol; the pilot dived first on one side of us and then on the other. He and his crew waved from the cockpit while our children whooped with frantic delight and ran from one side of the ship to the other. They will remember that "plane all their lives, though only the older ones know why they have been so suddenly uprooted from their homes.

Our ship—all four ships indeed—were filled with children and their mothers. This was not the Government's scheme, but the scores of families who were going out to the New World on their own initiative. They were going to friends, to

friends of friends, or simply to people who have offered them hospitality.

Each had £10—even the six-months-old baby. This was all the capital they could take with them to face the future.

That £10 look was a great leveller socially. The money was deposited with the purser for safe-keeping. If we took to the boats it would not matter much, and if not it would not be frittered away en route.

So we spent no money beyond buying a few sweets for the children.

No one smoked. There were no cocktails, no deck games, no fancy dress or sports (except for the kiddies, for which we all contributed allowance to buy prizes).

Otherwise we built bricks in the nursery, played easy card games in the lounge and "Wuts in My" on deck.

FINE YOUNGSTERS

THE youngsters were a fine, clean-limbed lot, full of high spirits, and already disciplined into courteous manners.

At the "Abandon Ship" muster they turned up at their appointed stations beside the life-boats, wearing life-belts as big as they were.

One woman wanted to take her baby into the life-boat in a pram. The Board of Trade life-belts were cumbersome affairs of cork and tar-

pullin but we carried them with us every where, as the ship had an unsteady look. People had some falls stumbling over them.

We slept partly dressed and no one risked having a bath while we were still in the Irish danger zone.

The plan was to have cap, coat, shoes and rug lying in readiness, and to be able to reach the life-boat in three minutes.

The problem was more complicated for mothers with several children, but they found plenty of friends to help.

It was this neighbourliness and kindness that made this voyage unlike any other.

ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

EXCEPT for a few Canadians like myself who were returning home, all were literally "in the same boat." All were going out into the unknown to start life anew, just as my great-grandfather did over a century ago.

He and his family went in, sailing boats and endured hardships. To-day I had the luxury of a modern liner. But there was this in common—the danger and uncertainty of the future were much the same. It was the British race as of old—with-out a trace of fear or panic, and an indomitable sense of humour.

The majority of the women had left their husbands behind in Great Britain and had fared forth for the sake of their children.

Others were British refugees from Holland, Belgium, France and the Channel Islands.

In every case there was a cheerful determination to make good in the New World, just as they had already done in the Old.

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A total of 568 tickets were sold by the energetic Committee of Ladies under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Li Shu-fan for the Charity Ball in aid of Refugee Farmers which was held at the Peninsula Hotel last month.

Manslaughter Charge

Five Traffic Deaths

The death of five Chinese was the subject of a case this morning when Tang Sang, 30, of 102, Sai Yuen Chai Street, second floor, of Ma Me-ha Village, British Territory, was charged before Mr. S. F. Balour at the Court of the District Office South this morning with manslaughter.

Defendant was the driver of a motor bus. He was charged with unlawfully killing Li Sang, Ho Ka, Lau Po, Lau Mo and Wong Chuen on December 10, at Castle Peak Road. Defendant was also charged with driving without due care and caution on the same date and place.

Sub-Inspector Brittain, of the Kowloon Traffic Department, asked His Worship for one week's remand and the transfer of the case to the Kowloon Magistracy. Brittain said that all the witnesses were from the New Territories and it would be more convenient to hold the case in Kowloon. A remand of one week with bail at \$500 and a transfer of the case to the Kowloon Magistracy was granted.

With the sale of competition tickets, programmes, advertisements and donations a total of \$3,542.20 was received. The total proceeds of \$2,129.41 will be added to the funds of the Shum Chun Rural Welfare Centre to give aid to the farmers from China to assist them in earning a living in the New Territories where they have sought refuge.

Besides expressing deep appreciation for the support of the cause by all those who attended the Ball and thereby helped to make it a success, the Chairman, Mr. Percy Chen, and the Executive Committee with particularity to thank the ladies of the Ball Committee who took part in the organisation.

They were: Chairman, Mrs. Florence Li Shu-fan; Vice-chairmen, Mrs. Man Tong, Mrs. Li Tse-fong, Mrs. N. M. Chiu; Finance Committee, Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Mrs. P. H. Chan, Mrs. S. H. Ho, Mrs. D. Buttenice; Publicity Committee, Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Harry Ching, Mrs. P. Corra; Ticket Committee, Mrs. Auyang Manly, Mrs. M. A. da Silva, Mrs. Fung Kwok-wa, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Lau Tak-po, Mrs. Sue Ming, Mrs. Lam Min-fan, Mrs. D'Almeida Remedios, Mrs. K. S. Lo, Mrs. Melvyn, Mrs. J. M. Tan, Mrs. Vasan, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. U. Sze-wing, Mrs. George Lee; Programme Committee, Mrs. Sylvia Choy, Mrs. Alma Ko, Miss Mary Chan, Miss Betty Ma, Miss Lily Chan, Miss Jean Ma, Miss Helen Tang, Miss Lorna Mok; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Percy Chen, Mrs. Dora Chow, Mrs. Hau Lee, Mrs. Gloria Yee, Miss Emily Kw, Miss Elsie Wong.

Grateful thanks are also expressed for donations from the following: H.E. Lieut-Gen. E. F. Norton, the Acting Governor, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. W. J. Fulker, Mr. M. K. Lum, Mr. Fung Ping-fan, and to Mrs. Violet Chen, The Sincere Company, and China Products Company for the gift of prizes for the competition.

Names Of Second People's Council National Government

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (Central News).—The complete list of the 240 councillors of the Second People's Council was announced yesterday by the National Government.

Ninety were chosen from among those who have served for more than three years in any government organ, public body or private institute in any of the provinces or municipalities directly under the control of the Executive Yuan.

Six were chosen from among those who have served for three years in government organs, public bodies, or private institutions in Mongolia or Tibet or who are authorities on the political or social conditions of Mongolia or Tibet. Six were chosen from among those who have resided overseas for more than three years or are authorities on the problems of overseas Chinese; and 138 were chosen from among those who have served for more than three years in representative cultural and economic bodies or have been long devoted to activities contributory to national welfare.

Prominent Members

Prominent among the councillors are Chang I-lin, Chu Fu-cheng, Mei Kwang-ti, Li Hsien-keng, Hu Yu-yu, Mo Teh-hui, Wang Chia-chen, Chen Yu-kuang, Tao Meng-ho, Tao Peh-chuan, Chen Shih-chuan, Chang Ping-ling, Yang Chen-sheng, Tan Kuei-ke, Chow Ping-ling, Tao Hsing-chih, Yang Ju-liu, Carson Wang, Kuei Chieh-hao, Huang Yen-pai, W. W. Yen, Chin Pang-hsien, Chen Jui-sheng, Tsao Tao-fen, Alfred Sao-ke Sze, Chang Tung-hsun, Shen Chun-lu, Y. M. Chien, Chen Shao-yu, Han Li-wu, Lo Lung-chi, Cheng Hsi-meng, Chang Chung-lu, Tso Hsun-sheng, General Mao Tse-tsun, Lin Tzu-hsien, Chang Shih-chiao, James Yen, Liang Shih-chiu, Fu San-nien, Lo Wen-tan, Chung Wing-kwong, Kiang Yung, Wang Yun-wu, Chen Po-sheng, Liang Shu-ming, Liu Chieh, Paul Yu Pin, Aw Boon-haw, Chang Ping, Wang Hsiao-lai, Kiang I-shan, Tung Kuan-hsien, and Hsiao I-shan.

Fifteen councillors are women. They are Wu Chih-mei, Lo Heng, Shih Liang, Tso Hsun, Wu Yi-fang, Chang Si-ming, Wang Li-ming, Lin Heng-ching, Liang Chao, Chen Yi-yun, Tseng Pao-sun, Chen Yung-ho, Lu Yun-chang, Chang Wei-chen, and Hsieh Ping-hsia.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23 (Central News).—Mr. R. Tagore, the famous Indian poet, telegraphed his greetings to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. He said that he is confident of China's victory which will mean a guarantee for world peace.

LETTERS

Music Hall 1940

To the Editor, The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I am writing on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Garrison Concert Party to ask you if you would be so kind as to publish in your Correspondence Column our thanks to all those members of the Public who supported our show "Music Hall 1940" at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

Their valuable support enabled us to send H.K. \$1,500 to the Bomber Fund and H.K. \$500 to the B.V.O.F.

R. E. T. St. John, Captain, Hon. Sec., The Garrison Concert Party.

Invitation to Seafarers

Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me to extend through your newspaper a very hearty invitation to Seafarers to attend the Christmas Dinner and entertainment at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Christmas day at 7 p.m. Men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy will be equally welcome.

I would like also to thank those people who have contributed to the cost of our Christmas festivities, and also the following firms, most of which have sent gifts in kind: Messrs. B.A.T., A. S. Watson, Sheehan Tomes, Jardine Matheson, Messrs. Harry Widdow, Wm. Powell, Caldbeck Maygrew, Kelly and Walsh, David Boag, John Hutchinson, Mr. Lamb (B. and S.), Loxley's.

For this reasonable help we are most grateful.

Civil Brown, Chaplain.

A.R.P. Inspection

Sir,—I would very much appreciate it if you would permit me to express through your columns my grateful thanks to both the large and small firms in the Colony who permitted their Warden to attend the Parade on the occasion of the Inspection by His Excellency the Acting Governor on Saturday, 21st instant.

Their hearty co-operation played no small part in a very successful afternoon.

A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS, Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Let Us Get On With It

The leading article of the "Hongkong Telegraph" on the 21st instant was headed as above, and concluded as follows: "Hongkong has a part to play in helping to win this war. Let us get on with it!"

This article was obviously written in the hopes of discouraging any further comment upon the evacuation, but in my opinion there is still plenty which should be discussed if Hongkong is to play its part in helping to win the war.

Hongkong's best help would be financial help, and yet it appears that Hongkong's reserve is being wasted, only to cause hard feelings, heartaches, misery and poverty. Income Tax and Business Profits Tax have been introduced in order to swell the revenue to meet the wartime demands, but this end seems to have been already defeated by short-sighted policy, when we take the following points into consideration.

The forming of an entirely new Department to handle the Income Tax has not done much to encourage the returns look sick. The evacuation costs have no doubt absorbed the balance—"What a helpful War Effort!"

The Business Profits Tax has likewise been killed at the roots. How is it possible to expect this Tax to yield a fruitful revenue after having forced the main spending power to leave the Colony?

Many small firms have been forced to close their doors, many large firms are just managing to carry their overhead charges, and many more firms are working at a loss, trying to hold out until this evacuation farce is called off.

It will indeed be interesting to see how much help Hongkong can give from this source.

Keeping Two Homes

Reverting to the Income Tax, we must bear in mind that as a result of the evacuation, many men have been called upon to keep two homes, and in some cases three.

With this extra expense added to the loss of profits caused through the lack of business, how does the Taxation Department hope to fare next year? Surely they are not labouring under the impression that the taxpayer will readily contribute to the revenue after having had the expenses, hardships, and misery of the evacuation forced upon them. I wonder!

Furthermore, the victims of the evacuation who have little left to cheer them except for their occasional drinks, have already had the cost of these increased, and it is now rumoured that they are still again to be penalised by a further increase of duties.

Few men's spending power can be termed as unlimited, it must therefore mean that the unfortunate must again be victimised, and forego their drinks, which will result in a decrease instead of the apparently anticipated increase in revenue, also a decrease in sales, thus again affecting the Business Profits Tax revenue.

After taking the foregoing points into consideration, I cannot see how Hongkong is ever going to be any help towards the successful prosecution of the war.

Perhaps these points could be carefully studied and some thing done to speedily reinstate the Colony to its pre-evacuation state, and then Hongkong will soon be in a position to play its part, so "Let us get on with it!"

"Disaster."

Berlin Casualties

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (UP).—Informal German circles state that the number of deaths caused by the R.A.F. raid last Friday night on Berlin was 36.

Chinese Gift To Roosevelt

Picture Of 100 Birds

CHUNGKING, Dec. 24 (Central News).—To congratulate President Roosevelt on his third term, Professor Chang Shu-chi of the Arts Department of the National Central University, has a beautifully embroidered "Picture of a Hundred Birds" for presentation to the U. S. Chief Executive.

In a brief ceremony yesterday the picture was handed to the American Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson. More than 100 people were present, prominent among them being Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Publicity and Dr. Wang Chun-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

The gift will be sent to the United States by air mail.

Fisheries Pact Difficulties

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—It is understood from official sources that negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia for a fisheries agreement are meeting with difficulties.

For this reason the Japanese hope of replacing the temporary treaty before its expiration on December 31 is said to be receding.

It is also learned that the present negotiations are not even for a permanent pact as provided in the present modus vivendi but only for an extension of the existing arrangement.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: "With the approaching holiday season a smaller volume of business was recorded, with a steady undertone prevailing."

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$74
Union Ins. \$400
H.K. Fire Ins. \$157.50
Wanvies \$53
Providents \$5.70
Hotels \$3.65
Lands \$33.60
Trams \$17.70
Star Ferries \$61
Yau-nat Ferries \$24
Electricity "N" \$39.75
Sundank Lights \$11.30
Ropes \$7.05
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Hotels \$3.75
Trams \$18
Daily Farms \$19.25
Watsons \$10.75
Vibro Piling \$7.70
Sales
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$97.50
Providents \$5.70
Hotels \$3.05
Trams \$17.80
Cements \$18.50
Watsons \$10.50

Rev. J. R. Higgs Going On Leave

The parishioners of St. Andrew's Church are to lose the services of their vicar, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, for a few months as from early January.

Mr. Higgs is taking leave in the new year. He is going to Australia and expects to return to Hongkong after a few months.

In his absence his church work will be carried on by the Rev. H. Wittenbach, of the Church Missionary Society, who has been seconded by the Society to Hongkong for the purpose.

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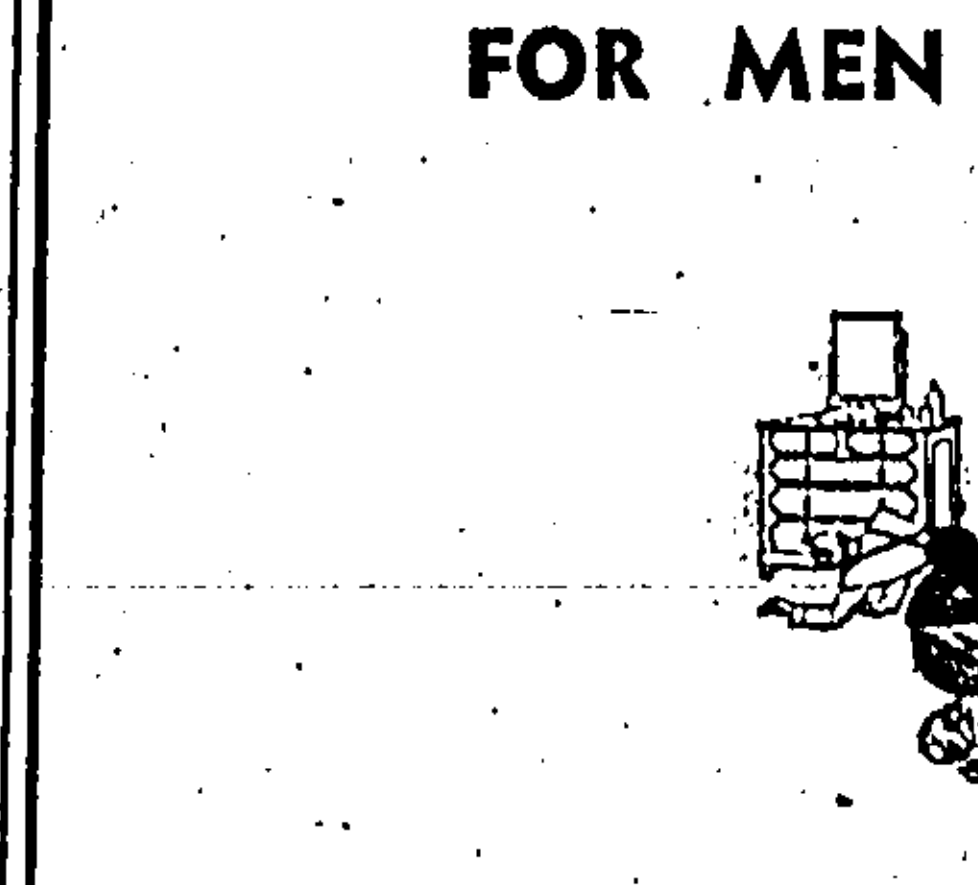
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Club Batsmen Fail Before Xmas Attractions At Fanling Kowloon Bowlers Pearce Brothers May Turn Out For Army Varsity Batting Improved

All the senior teams were in action on Saturday last, but one or two of them were not at full strength. The Club were hard put to it as there was a Rugger match, and so far as I can make T. A. Pearce and his brother may throw in their lot with the Army. This is in no sense authoritative but I see they are not down to play for the Club on Boxing Day, and rather assume that they will be turning out for Major Grose's side of Wanderers which will, I believe, be largely an Army team. I hope to have a fairly full account of it in the Friday issue of the Telegraph, if all goes well.

The Club were not a strong side and as usual their bowlers failed to do anything. Dewar when he went on first change dismissed Tom Madar and Archie Zimmern, the latter qualifying for twenty cents for the Bomber's Box! But then F. J. Lay joined Anderson and they put on 122 runs. They at no time seemed to be in difficulties and Anderson got himself out hustling for runs, falling to a nicely judged catch by Ride in the deep. Lay missed his century in a most stupid manner owing to a misunderstanding over a second run. If only batsmen will learn to call audibly there would be a lot less run-outs.

Club Crash

With a score of 181 for 5 wickets declared, the Club put up a sorry show. I stood from the fall of the second wicket with Francis Zimmern bowling at my end and there was nothing demonic about his deliveries. He has a trick of shifting out occasionally close, but inside, the return crease, and he occasionally turns the ball quite sharply from the off—Dewar was a victim to one which pitched outside the off stump and hit the top of the leg. But I saw no awe and rather got the idea that the batsmen were short of practice and were not watching the ball properly. Four of them were caught in the slips playing at an off ball and getting it on the edge of the bat.

Goodwin's Return

It was pleasant to see my old friend Frank Goodwin out again and he bowled pretty nearly in his best form, keeping an excellent length and tempting the batsmen on the off—I think he was perhaps making the ball come a little with his arm.

Ride and Kilbee both fell to him in the slips and he should have had another as Parsons (I think) was badly dropped at first slip off him. The trouble started when Owen Hughes after cutting Zimmern very prettily for four played over the pitch of the next ball and touched it sufficiently to bring it on to his off stick. Ride and Haynes left shortly after and though Parsons and Hiley hung on a bit and Dewar also got into double figures it was rather a procession. D. S. Robb hit valiantly for 17 and was out to a hard drive to mid-off which Lloyd took. R. G. K. Thompson, who took the last two wickets, is a Malayan cadet, I understand, and was impressed at the beginning of the match as K.C.C. were one short. He has played for the Civil Service and I'm not quite clear why he was not playing for the Club. They could have done with him.

University Delay

Declaration

THE VARSITY batting has greatly improved and they managed to hold the fort against the Civil Service bowling for long enough to make a draw.

They had 31 overs for their score of 133 of 9 declared, and the C.S.C. only had time for twenty one. Excluding extras, which happened to be 17 on each side, the Varsity averaged 4 runs per over and the C.S. 5, which is very poor for the size of the ground. Actually the Civil Service lost the game when they let T. T. Chin and N. C. Sen Gupta put on forty for the eighth wicket. Atwell who is in excellent form this year got 41 and I was glad to see Griffiths show signs of returning to the form which he is capable of making 30 runs. However, C.S. were still 10 runs behind when stumps were drawn.

Army Fail

I am afraid I am rather out of touch with Army cricket but I suppose they are pretty well all over the place with duties

etc. and can never turn out a regular side. Denyer seems to have lost his form and none of the other bowlers could do anything.

J. M. Gosano played an excellent knock for 88 and E. M. L. Soares (30) helped him to add 65 runs for the second wicket. Recreio declared at 158 for four wickets and the Army never looked like putting up a fight.

Webb (23) and Logan (13) alone reached double figures. Ozorio was once again in form, taking four for twenty-seven while L. G. Gosano took three that Recreio declared at 158 for four wickets and the Army never looked like putting up a fight.

Dull Cricket

Craigengower seem rather in the doldrums this season and I.R.C. are rather tending that way. The whole trouble I suspect is over cautious cricket though Craigengower have been unlucky in losing people. But an average of three runs for an eight ball over is ridiculous in Saturday afternoon cricket.

I am not prepared to admit that the bowling is as good as all that. I think all the batsmen adopt a safety first policy and wait for a long hop or full toss to leg before trying to score. The result at Craigengower was another of these dull draws. The I.R.C. batting though not enterprising, was not too either and apart from a 43 by Madar and 22 by K. M. Rumbahn, no one did anything. For Craigengower only E. Zimmern (20) George Souza (17) and Hulse (17) got double figures, but they managed to scuffle a draw.

Level Pegging

The junior teams of the aforesaid Clubs also drew. The I.R.C. batted first and their first five batsmen failed.

They have M. R. Abbas (40) and J. M. Rumbahn chiefly to thank for being able to declare at 145 for 9 wickets. Craigengower were very in and out, but A. Hung (38) W. K. Vay (27) and T. Lock (29 not out) did well for them and they saved the match by two wickets.

Army Beat Recreio

The Civil Service second eleven got runs against the Valley and Watson, Lawrence, Barrow and Cunningham all got into the twenties.

But they scored very slowly and had to declare at 121 for six wickets. Narayan Singh was by far the best Varsity bowler taking 6 for 17 in 8 overs. I was glad to see Barrow getting runs again as he has had a bad patch. The University held up their wickets long enough to draw with 80 for 8—a dull performance.

Police Come Back

K.C.C. did not do so badly against the Police as thanks to Burch (40) S. A. Gray (23) and Curtis (36) they were able to declare at 150 for 7 wickets.

Generally one would have taken it as a fairly safe score, but the TURN to Page 9, Column Two

PLAYING FORWARD



D. Hung (Kowloon C. C.) playing forward to one during the K.C.C.-Hongkong C.C. match at the Club ground on Saturday last. D. O. Parsons is keeping wicket, and J. P. Robinson, K.C.C. umpire, is at square-leg.—Ming Yuen.

Seventeen Entries For Castle Peak Handicap

Jack O'Lantern v. Clowner

THE BEST EVENT of the afternoon should be the Castle Peak Handicap for "D" class China ponies over seven furlongs, and the contest has drawn 17 entries, which must be a record for the Fanling Club.

Quick Despatch Eligible Though Promoted

THOUGH Quick Despatch has been promoted to "C" class after her successful run in the Lingerers Handicap at Happy Valley on December 14, Mr. Kwok Hin-wang's candidate is still eligible for the Fanling Cup confined to "D" class Australian ponies, because the handicap is protected by that clause "at date of entry."

However the post of honour has fallen on Quick Despatch and Roifly, both sharing the limit load, and they will cross the line in the order I have named. Amber II and Rising Star have been kindly treated by the weight adjuster and they are dangerous at 155 lb.

I am not suggesting that Dick Turpin is going back to his native land, but this guy of Mr. Alec Potts looks the country course and this alone is a good recommendation for big money.

Circé and Heinz may also be bracketed under the same category, and I believe Heinz is the best mope to follow.

GLORIOUS STAR MAY NOT START AMONG AUSSIE HURLERS

THERE is a possibility that Glorious Star (the winner of Australian Grand National) will not be saddled for the New South Wales Handicap, which is a steeplechase over a distance of 1 1/4 miles. Mr. Watson's "chaser" is under suspicion, and it is to be hoped that his mare will be ready and fit for the next meet.

Sea Urchin is one of those stummers that cannot get beyond half mile on the flat, but with the birch and brush Mr. S. T. Williamson's mare is hard to beat, and it is learned that Lt. Commander Craven will be the jockey.

The combination will not, by any means, have an easy run, for Tevlotdale can get over the fences like a kangaroo. She was not seen in action during the last "chasing" season, but I can still visualize her success in the Melbourne Cup on March 12, 1939, when she gave a terrible thrashing to Spectrum and Sea Urchin. Colorado Star is new to the game and so is Bleyenburg.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt Reminder

INTENDING participants in the Cottage Club Paper Hunt to-morrow are reminded that the meeting place will be opposite the Kwantia Race Course at 4 p.m.

The Hunt is open to any who can secure a mount.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Opening Meet Of Hunt & Race Club: Extra Flat Events On The Card

FANLING will be the land of great sporting activities on Boxing Day. There will undoubtedly be a big crowd of golfers on the two links in Sheungshui, game-shooting in Kam Tin, hiking around the Lok Ma Chau hills, and the sport of kings on the Kwantia racecourse. The Fanling Hunt and Race Club could not have chosen a better day for their opening meet, and it is almost certain that an army of Yuletide holiday makers will wend their way to the country course.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 1.08 p.m. to Fanling, returning at 6.20 p.m. to Kowloon. The railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

Whether or not it was due to Capt. Foster's incessant agitation in these columns to have more flat events, I must say that I am not a saxophone player, I leave to the Valley owners to show their appreciation, for the number of handicap flat contests has been increased to four with only one hurdling event for China ponies and a steeplechase for Australian mopes.

Never in the annals of Fanling Meets has such a heavy list of nominations been received for various contests, and there are ten assigned ponies in each section of the Happy Valley Handicap confined to "E" class China riders.

The Fanling Cup (a handicap flat) for "D" class Australian ponies over seven furlongs has attracted no less than 15 entries, and a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted on the event limiting the sale to 100,000 chances. Mr. C. M. S. Alves is again the official handicapper of the Fanling Club, and with him behind the scene we are sure to have some fascinating problems in spotting the winner.

Dry, Hard Track

OWING to the long drought, the grass track will, I am afraid, not be to the liking of jumpers and judging from the forecast it does not look that the weather clerk is going to provide a soft landing stage.

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that starters must be declared on the forms provided in the Weighing Room before two o'clock for the first race, and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

Jockeys must provide their own whips, which must be of a type approved by the Hongkong Jockey Club. The Fanling Club will provide spurs, which also meet with the Hongkong Jockey Club's requirements.

win's chestnut created a sensation by paying \$336 for a win.

I like him for Boxing Day's fight, but the handicapper has not been too kind in the matter of pounds. Lucky Eleven has a pull of 9 lb. and with Mr. Peter Wei up to the combination should be one of the hot favourites.

Gallant Marshal has been whistled a good dark 'un, but I much prefer National Liberty.

Curtain Raiser Is Hurdle Race

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the Taipo Hurdle Race for China ponies over a course of 1 1/4 miles and there are 13 nominations. Among the list of entries Clowner, March Brown, Mortmain, Three Farthings and Zero are the "old time" hurdlers, and it looks to me that the winner is to be found in this bunch.

Eve of Dancing, Gretter, Saturday Night and Trunkles are making their debut over the bamboo sticks. Sir Victor's candidate is not a bad hurdler and coupled with the speed on the flat, I make Eve of Dancing the most dangerous contender.

Of course, we have to bear in mind that the bay has not much schooling, and he may refuse or shy a hurdle in his first public outing.

Doubtful Starter

I DOUBT that Gretter will go to the post. The mare was one of those unfortunates who have spent a few weeks on the working list, and it appears to me that Mr. Bradbury's candidate is not fresh on her legs and fit to carry 100 lb. Personally I would not like to take the risk.

Saturday Night (late Prince Charming) and Trunkles (late Morning Glory) were griffins originally owned by Mr. Eu Tong-sen, but they have never raced at the Valley for want of speed, and Mr. J. Barrow is now the new owner. This is all the news I have about them.

However, my fancy is March Brown who jumps like a cat and stays for ever. He is one, at least, with solid qualifications.

FINAL SELECTIONS

My selections are as follows:

TAIPO HURDLE RACE

March Brown
Eve of Dancing
Three Farthings

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Lucky Eleven
Arrian Cat
National Liberty

NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP

Tevlotdale
Sea Urchin
Spectrum

FANLING CUP

Quick Despatch
Roifly
Dick Turpin

CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP

Clowner
Wilber
The Leopard

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Zero
Lancashire Chap
Ascent Vale

THE FINAL EVENT

THE MEETING will terminate with a scurry for "E" class China ponies in the Happy Valley Handicap (first section) over half mile. My best three are Zero, Lancashire Chap and Ascent Vale and I think they will finish in that order. Don't forget Gordie as a good outsider on Boxing Day.

Stays for ever. He is one, at least, with solid qualifications.

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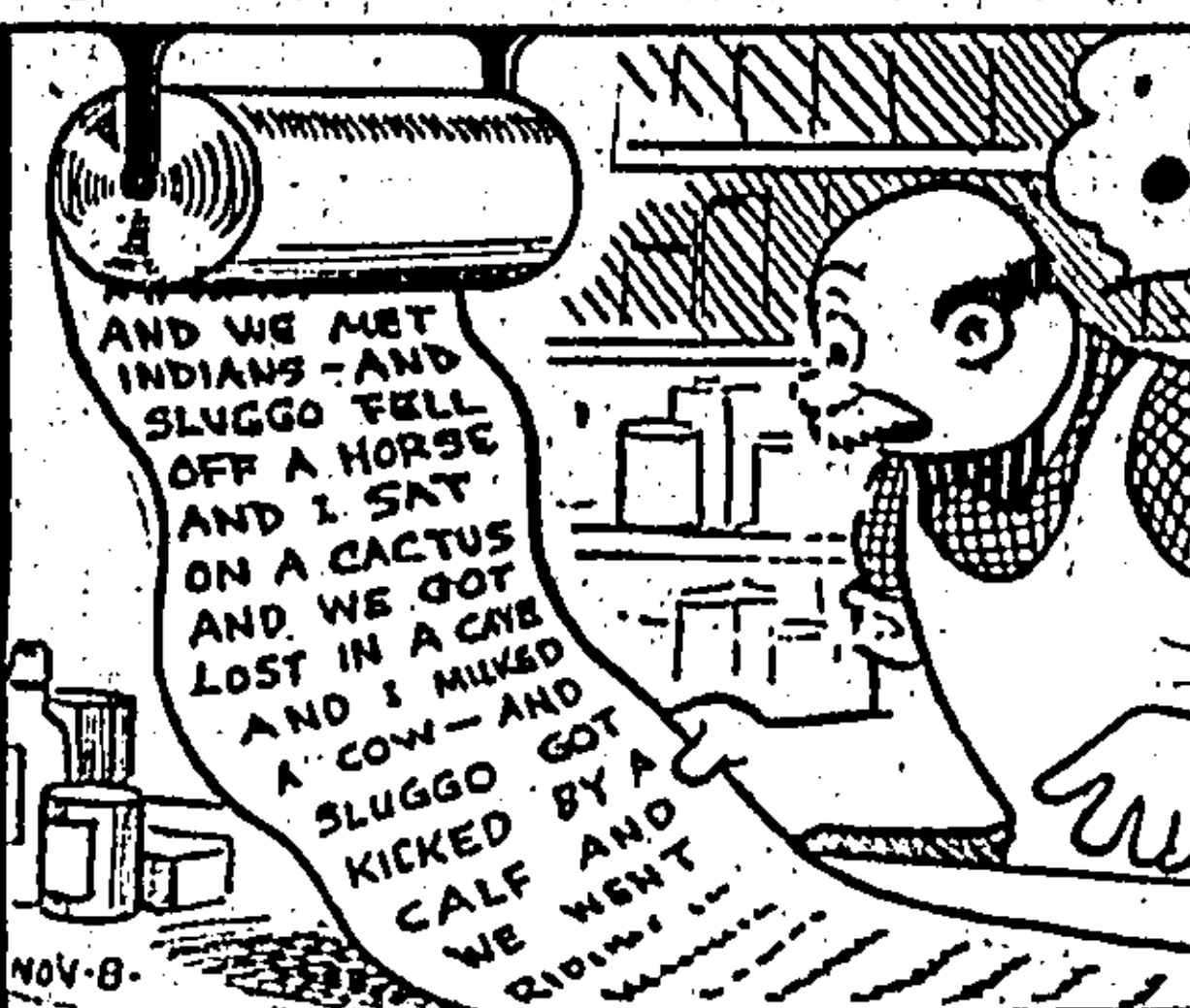
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Nazi Fury At Eden's New Appointment

A "Pathological Hatred"

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—An outburst of wrath in the German press greeted the appointment of Mr Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary.

The "Boersen Zeitung" writes: "With Eden there comes to the Foreign Office a man whose activities have been dictated by pathological hatred of the authoritarian States. With this appointment, London expects improvement in British-Russian relations and a stiffening of attitude to Japan, Spain and other members of the Axis.

"The answer to these illusions will be a crushing one. All these nations, including the Soviet, will only see the true face of England more clearly for the appointment of Eden."

The "Deutsche Zeitung" says: "Those who have whipped England into war—Churchill, Eden and Marzesson—are now on the spot where they deserve. All three are burdened with the guilt of war and are now branded with full responsibility for Britain's decline which their policy has brought about."

SOCCER INTERPORT WITH SHANGHAI CANCELLED

INFORMATION has been received that Shanghai will be unable to travel to Hongkong for the football interport match during Chinese New Year Holidays.

Contributory causes to the cancellation are that firstly, most of their players, being Volunteers, find it difficult to obtain leave, that secondly, Shanghai will find it difficult to raise a representative side owing to the departure of the British troops, and that thirdly there is great uncertainty in sailing dates around that period.

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"R. ABBIT'S" CRICKET NOTES

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Police batsmen really got going and W. L. Clarke (27) Tyler (27) J. Shepherd (28) and the top scorer of the match, H. E. Hayward (53), put up 172 for 6 wickets and the Police won comfortably.

Another Draw

In the second division game between Reccelo and the Army the Reccelo put up 141 runs for 7 declared, mainly owing to M. A. Tiedemas (38) and P. M. N. da Silva (37) (55) who did most of the scoring. It was a sporting declaration especially as Captain Lawrence who is a much more dangerous batsman than most of the Army first eleven bats, was playing for the second. Coombes (38) and Syver (24) started things going and then Lawrence came in to hit up 59 not out, of which 52 came from boundaries. They won by 5 wickets.

Chinese Supplies Denial

No Vladivostok Route

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The official "Tass" agency has issued a denial of a report published in American newspapers that the Chinese Army is receiving large quantities of war material, medicines and other supplies via Vladivostok and that an American military officer will shortly go to Vladivostok to speed up transportation of war material to China.

The agency says: "This report is fabricated from beginning to end."

Rebuff For Germany: Vichy Awaits Results

FROM FRENCH FRONTIER, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—France is anxiously awaiting Hitler's next move following reports that Marshal Petain has firmly refused German demands both for military co-operation and reinstatement of Laval as Foreign Minister.

While fears of imminent "blitz" action by the German Army against unoccupied territory have given place to a note of moderate optimism, it is realised that the danger is by no means past.

M. Flandin, the new Foreign Minister, is reported to profess confidence that Hitler will be satisfied with Marshal Petain's reply in which concessions of some kind have evidently been made.

Neutral observers are asking whether the possibility of Petain ordering resumption of French resistance on the plea that the Armistice is being violated will be enough to restrain the Nazi war machine. It is pointed out that the Germans, anxious as they are to gain a foothold on the shores of the Mediterranean and to seize France's submarine fleet, must be sorely tempted to march if "peaceful pressure" fails.

Forces Inspected

Petain is fighting hard to keep his word to the French people that France's unity will be maintained—to gain time to strengthen the discipline of unoccupied France and the French colonies.

That this is more than a mere phrase is indicated by the recent activity of General Huntziger, Minister of War, who just inspected France's "armistice" army and the French fleet at Toulon and in North Africa.

General Weygand and General Bergeret, Minister for Air, have completed visits to all the chief centres

"All Quiet"

ZURICH, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Frenchmen, anxiously watching the demarcation line separating them from Nazi-occupied territory, report "all quiet" following the handing over of the Vichy Government reply to Hitler's latest demands.

A feeling of hopefulness is now noticed in Vichy by Swiss correspondents.

The French reply was presented to Herr Otto Abetz, Ribbentrop's representative in Paris, by Comte de Brinon, Vichy's Delegate-General in occupied territory, on Sunday, according to the "Gazette Lausanne," whose Vichy correspondent says that though nothing is known of the exact nature of the German demands or the French reply, "the atmosphere which reigned in Vichy last week has disappeared as if by a miracle."

Petain's Determination

The correspondent adds that there is absolute confidence that Petain has no intention of accepting any "political engagements contrary to the honour of the Fleet and Army."

The correspondent of "La Suisse" writes: "To-day's bulletin about the health of France shows that the temperature has gone down although the patient's condition is still grave."

The correspondent adds that although the German reply is still awaited, Petain's note is believed to have had a favourable reception.

When the Foreign Minister received a series of visitors yesterday, he gave an impression of optimism.

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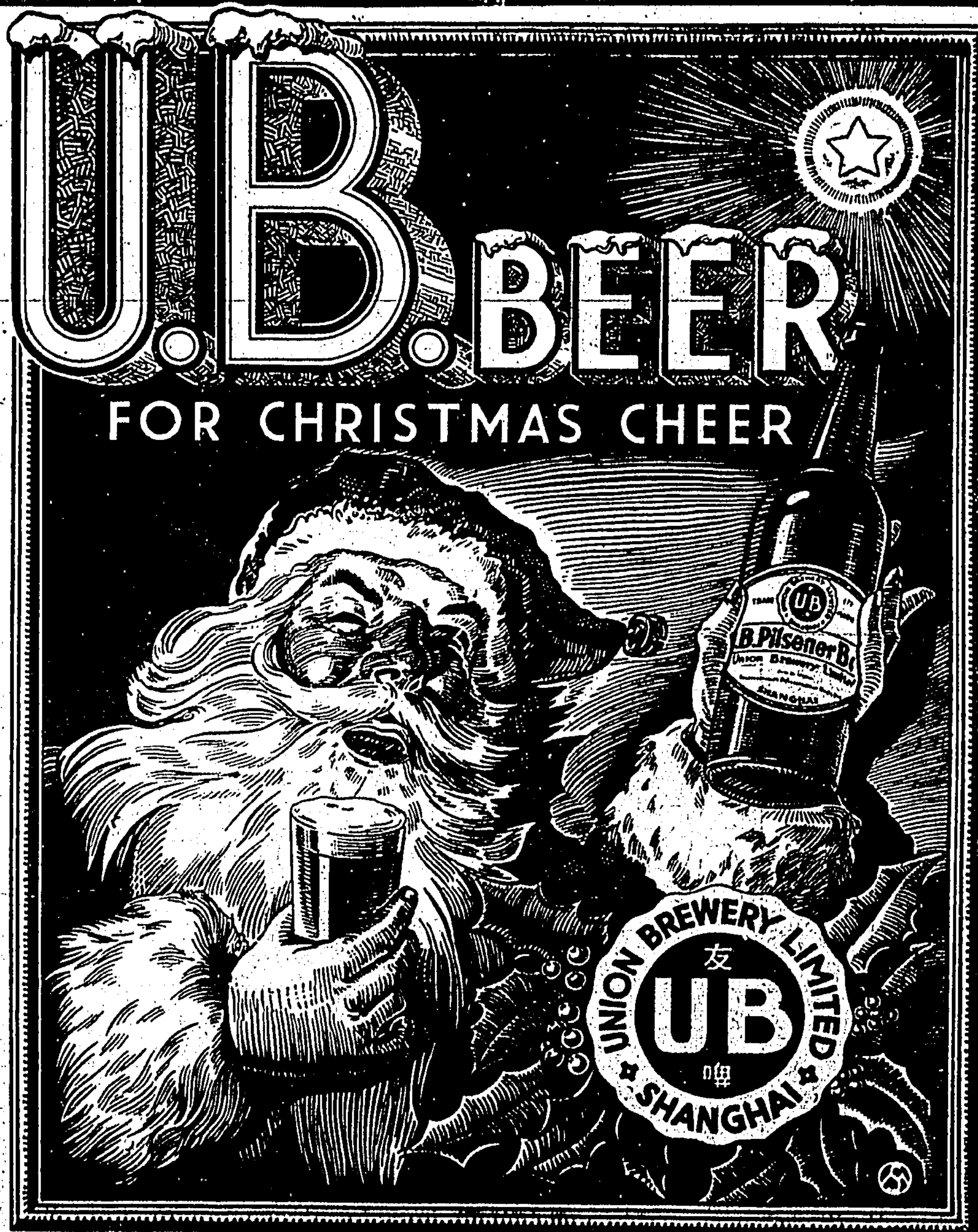
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ARMED RAIDS ON BANKS

Raids by armed men were made on bank branches and sub-post offices in Belfast recently. A policeman and a woman were wounded.

Old-age pensioners were in Falls Road Sub-Post Office drawing their pensions when four men armed with revolvers entered. Others were stationed outside. Mr Charles Lough, the sub-postmaster, said that one of the men stated: "We are the I.R.A. Don't scream. We want the money." They took about £800 from the till.

Less than 200 yards away £800 was stolen from the Falls Road branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank. Three men entered the bank and ordered the staff to kneel while they robbed the tills. The Falls Road branch of the National Bank was also entered and about £200 taken.

Two men were seen to hurry out of the bank carrying a sub-machine-gun. The others were armed with revolvers. Two policemen appeared and a good deal of shooting followed. During a raid on Edenderry Sub-Post Office, in the Crumlin-road district, Miss Davidson, the sub-postmistress, was shot in the arm.

Turkey Would Aid Syria

Syrian leaders are assured of the full support of Iraq and Turkey in resisting Axis efforts to occupy Syria and the Lebanon, according to reports from usually reliable Damascus sources.

This is the result of Turkish-Arab rapprochement efforts, in the face of their common danger, cables the "News Chronicle" special correspondent in Cairo.

It is also, apparently, the outcome of the Iraq Foreign Minister's visit to M. Sarajoglu, Turkish Foreign Minister.



AMERICAN OBSERVERS—New York City Fire Chief Daniel A. Deasy, Fireman George T. J. Scott and Chief Fred Wademoeyer inspect fire apparatus at London headquarters. They were sent to study fire-prevention methods in wartime.

STABBED DETECTIVE AFTER STEALING BICYCLE

A sentence of 12 months' rigorous imprisonment was imposed by the Singapore district judge, Mr J. McFall yesterday on a Malay, Jaffar bin Chik, whom he convicted on "the very serious offence" of stabbing a detective with a knife.

On a second charge, of stealing a bicycle belonging to Loh Soo Teng from the Municipal Services Club in Farrer Park on Nov. 3, the same day, Jaffar was also convicted, and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

A year's police supervision is to follow the terms of imprisonment, which are consecutive.

The story told in court was that Loh Soo Teng, a clerk employed by the Municipality, left his bicycle inside the club at 3.45 p.m. on Nov. 3. When he came out of the club three-quarters of an hour later the bicycle had disappeared.

He discovered the loss of the bicycle at 4.30 p.m. and, almost to the minute, information was laid at the Orchard Road police station that Jaffar and a stolen bicycle were in a coffee shop at Orchard Road.

Two detectives were sent out immediately and found him in the shop.

Struggle in Street

They told him that they would have to take him back to the station, but he

managed to get past them, and ran away. Chasing him, they cornered him in Buayong Road, but in the resulting struggle he drew out a knife and stabbed one of the detectives, Low Fong, inflicting a wound in his back half-an-inch long and two inches deep, which kept him in hospital for 12 days.

In his defence Jaffar denied stealing the bicycle and stabbing the detective.

QUICK CHANGE ARTISTS

Women shop clerks and waitresses in London, used to handling the public, make the best bus conductors, according to the London Passenger Transport Board, which has been forced to replace men on country routes.

GUNNER'S POSE AS A MAJOR

At Marlborough Street Police Court recently Clive Edward Grunspan, 22, a gunner in a searchlight unit of the Royal Artillery, was charged before Mr J. B. Sandbach, K.C., with being in the unlawful possession of a War Department pass, and with being an unauthorised person wearing the Order of the British Empire and the Military Medal ribbons, the Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross, and the Croix de Guerre.

It was stated by the police that on October 5 Grunspan entered a shop in High Street, Marylebone, wearing the uniform of an Army major with the decorations displayed on his breast, and a staff officer's cap.

He represented to the shopkeeper that he was collecting money for the purchase of uniforms for soldiers and was in command of the anti-aircraft section in that division. The shopkeeper collected 4s. 6d. and gave it to him, but after he became suspicious and spoke to a flight lieutenant in the R.A.F., who challenged Grunspan as to his right to wear the Service clothes and ribbons.

Had Taken Pass

Grunspan produced a pass issued to Major C. E. Grunspan, of the War Office, "for the purpose of investigation." Later, however, he confessed that he had taken the pass from the regimental sergeant-major's office at his camp. The flight lieutenant was not satisfied and called the police, with the result that Grunspan was arrested.

In a statement to the police he said that at the time of his arrest he was dressed in the blue patrole of a major of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, with decorations.

It was the second time he had been detained for the offence of obtaining clothes of a rank other than his own, the first being in France, when he was detained for passing himself off as an officer. The charge was dismissed, and he was later removed to hospital.

Mr Sandbach eventually discharged Grunspan under the Probation Act, saying he was anxious to pass him into the hands of the military so that he could get the treatment he obviously needed.

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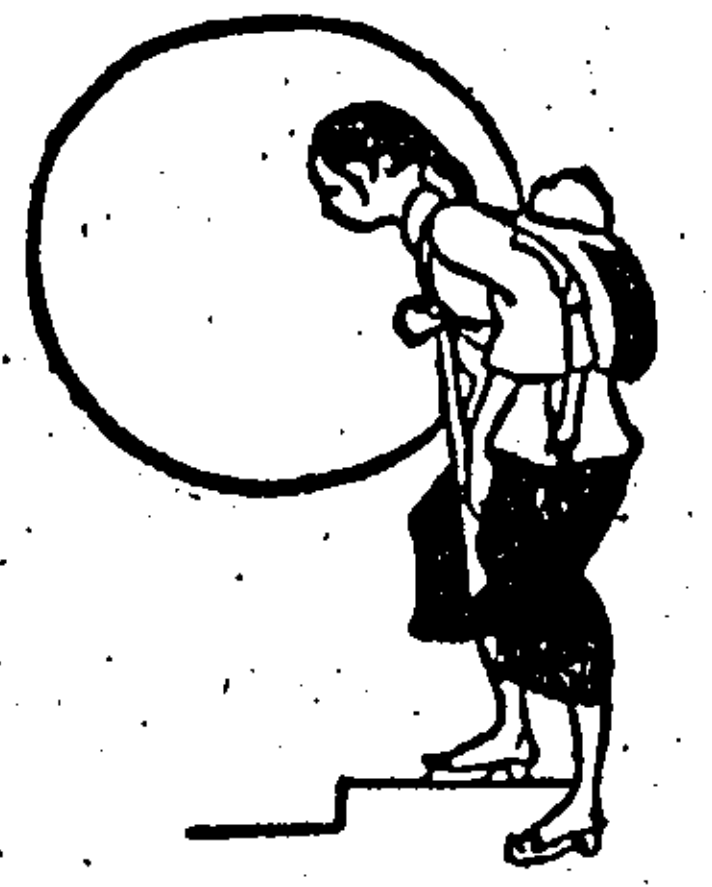
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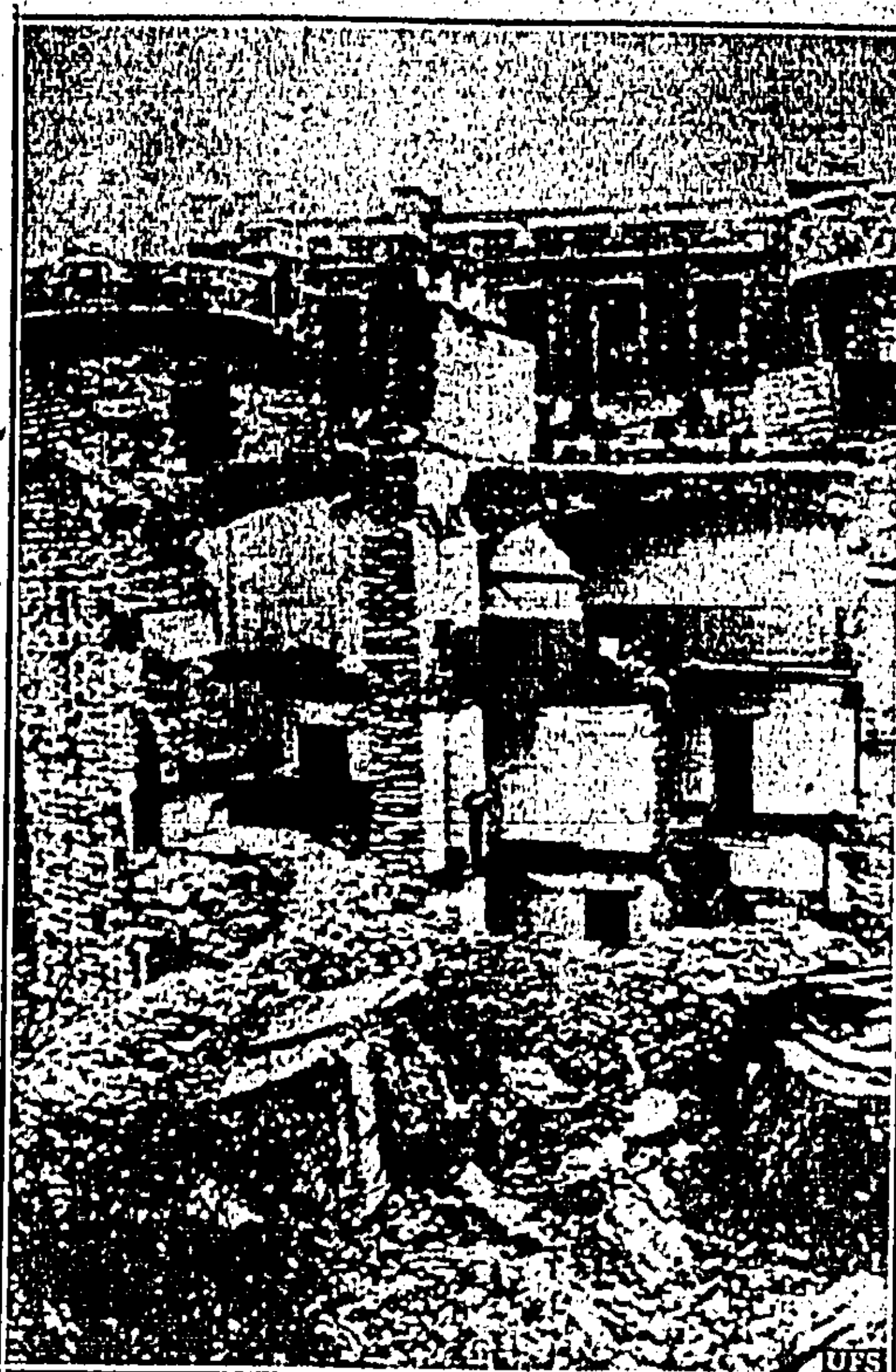
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French Counsellor In Washington Resigns

MAURICE GARREAU-DOMBASLE, commercial counsellor of the French Embassy in Washington, has broken with the Vichy government of Petain and resigned his post, refusing to obey orders to return to France.

"The present French Government asked me to return to France, apparently with the intention of appointing one of their friends in my place and giving me some other function in the home Administration," M. Garreau-Dombasle said, in a prepared statement given out to the press.

"I have sent my resignation, pointing out that I had remained at my post since the armistice simply because I had never received a single word from the Vichy Administration and had been left free to defend here French interests, especially those of our colonies, without any possible German pressure. I added that I would never accept any task under German control."

"Of course, I am sorry to sever my ties with a service to which I have devoted most of my life."

"Anyway, during my thirteen and one half years as commercial counsellor of the French Embassy in the United States, all my efforts have been tending to improve and develop friendly relations between France and this country. Our reciprocal trade agreements of 1938, for which I had so many obstacles to surmount, was the reward of these efforts."

Worked With British

M. Garreau-Dombasle stressed that since the beginning of the war now on in Europe he had closely co-operated with the British on all economic questions.

"I shall be always ready to devote my energy and my experience to any liberated part of the French Empire," he continued, "remaining one of the thousands of French unknown soldiers who hope and work for the freedom of their land. It will be the best way for me to express to my many American friends my gratitude for their kindness and their hospitality. I hope to have the opportunity to be of help to the cause of democracy which I served for 32 years."

M. Garreau-Dombasle served with distinction during the first World War, winning the French War Cross and the British Military Cross. He is a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

LYONS EXPLOSION

A German report broadcast from Paris Radio announced recently that a large fire had broken out in a factory in a suburb of Lyons, in unoccupied France, where 1,200 workers were employed. A terrible explosion followed. Police are investigating, and a criminal act is considered possible.

URUGUAY TRIAL OF NAZIS

Responding to the pressure of outraged public opinion, the Uruguayan authorities have decided to proceed with the prosecution of eight Nazi agents who are accused in an 80-page typewritten indictment drawn up by the Public Prosecutor of conspiring against the Republic's sovereignty.

All the eight have been arrested and will be tried by the Supreme Court.

29-Point Accusation

In effect the Uruguayan Government challenges the right of the Nazis to interfere in the internal affairs of this and other South American countries, for the indictment, besides detailing charges against each prisoner, contains a 29-point accusation against the Nazi party itself.

This includes the allegation that the party approved of a military plan to seize Uruguay and transform it into a German agricultural colony. "Julius Dalldorf, known as the 'Little Fugher of Uruguay,' is protected from arrest by diplomatic immunity, having been hurriedly appointed Press Attaché to the German Legation shortly before the Congressional investigation started last May."

German Bodies Stop Swedes Fishing

Swedish fishermen have had to abandon herring fishing owing to the large number of bodies of drowned Germans floating off the south coast of the country.

This is disclosed in a letter from a relative in Sweden received by a Scottish family.

It adds that German authorities have offered fishermen the equivalent of 3s. 6d. for each body recovered, provided the uniform is intact.

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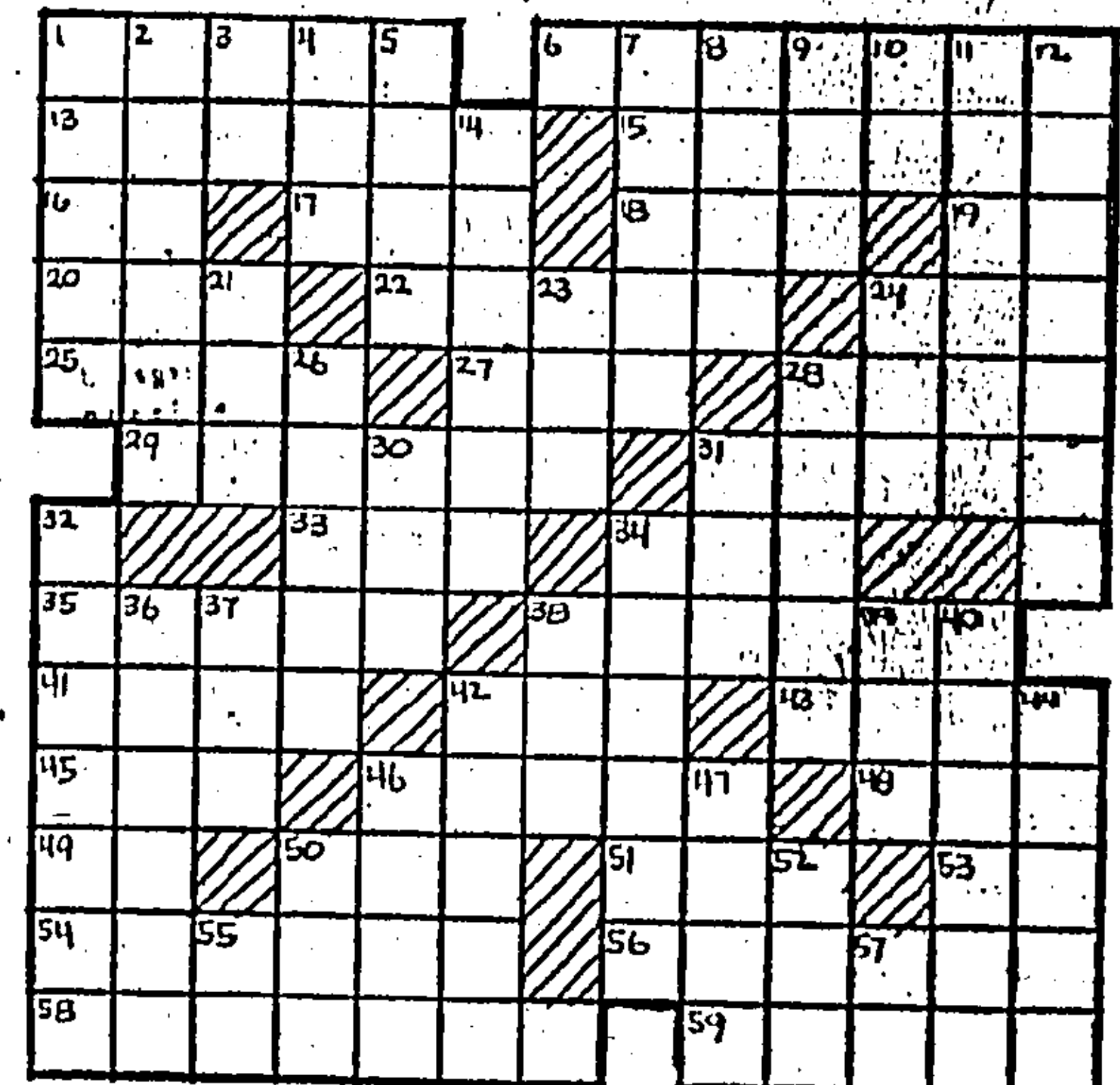
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- More pallid
- It amazes
- Unlucky
- To such extent
- Anger
- Brother of Cain
- Amal
- Treated with
- medicines
- Russian community
- Thick liquid
- Hearing
- Of eastern European
- face
- Smith's account mark
- Shit (pharm)
- Sliver island
- Clas in atmosphere
- Religion
- Taken (Scottish)
- Destiny
- Liquid food
- Animal
- Empire
- Nothing
- Symbol: nickel
- Nothing place
- Alfalfa descendant
- Tantalum
- Clue to action
- Neptune

DOWN

- French article
- Hydraulic
- Drainpipe
- Anger
- Was not
- Was not
- Amal
- Be ash
- Wire measure
- Thin things
- Find
- Devilish
- Travelled age
- Spitation
- To the right
- Policeman (slang)
- Pus on
- Dead
- Leader
- Non-actual
- operation
- Recently actual
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18-Official edition
29-Put forth entry
31-Clue
32-Keeps away from



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Sanctions and Abyssinia
"What is the defence that is put forward for his action? It is of course, the quarrel about sanctions and Abyssinia. Let us look at that. Together after the last war Italy and Britain both signed the covenant of the League of Nations which forbade each other or upon fellow members of the League and bound all signatories to come to the aid of any member who was attacked by another."

"Presently Abyssinia came knocking at the door asking to be a member. We British advised against it. We doubted whether they had reached a stage in their development which warranted their inclusion, but it was Mussolini who insisted that Abyssinia should become a member of the League and who, therefore, bound himself and bound you and us to respect Abyssinia's covenant rights."

"I declare—and my words will go far—that nothing that happened in that Abyssinian quarrel can account for or justify the deadly war which has now broken out between us."

Italy's Needless Acts
"Then the great war between the British and French democracies and Prussian militarists or Nazi dictatorship began again. Where was the need for Italy to intervene? Where was the need to strike at prostrate France? Where was the need to declare war on Britain? Where was the need to invade Egypt which is under British protection?"

"We are content with Italian neutrality. During the first eight months of war we paid great deference to Italian interests. But this was all put down to fear. 'Now that I have taken up my office as Prime Minister of Defence, I look back to our meeting in Rome and feel a desire to speak words of goodwill to you as Chief of the Italian nation, who seems to be a swiftly widowed wife. It is too late to stop the river of blood flowing between the British and Italian peoples.'

We Shall Go On
"We can no doubt inflict grievous injuries upon one another and maul each other cruelly and darken the Mediterranean with our strife. It is idle to predict the course of the great battles now raging in Europe but I am sure that whatever may happen on the continent, England will go on to the end even quite alone as we have done before and I believe, with some assurance, that we shall be aided in increasing measure by the United States and indeed by all the Americas."

Letter To Duce
"This is the gist of a letter which I sent to Signor Mussolini when I became Prime Minister. I make no comment upon the Duce's answer. It speaks for itself. Anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that meant to have war. One man and only one man was resolved to plunge Italy after all these years of strain and effort into the whirlpool of war."

"What is the position of Italy today? Where is it that the Duce has led a distrustful people after 18 years of dictatorial power? What hard choice is open now. It is to stand up to the battery of the whole British Empire on sea, in the air and in Africa, and the vigorous counter-attack of Greece."

"There is one man and one man only who has led you there. 'I leave this unfolding until the day comes—as come it will—when the Italian nation will once more take the shaping of its own fortunes.'

Vichy Minister's Appeal

VICHY, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—An appeal for the restoration of "impartiality, firmness, discipline and honour" in all ranks of the French Colonial Service was made by M. Platon, Minister for the Colonies, to-day.

In a circular to Colonial Governors, M. Platon urges: "In the exercise of your authority, let all your acts be inspired by the duty which involves on all Frenchmen to take part with vigour and confidence in the work of national rehabilitation laid down by Marshal Petain."

Clashes In Thailand

Singapore, Dec. 23.

The most severe clashes between French and Thai troops since hostilities began occurred on Sunday at two points on the Mekong River.

The Bangkok High Command reports a violent battle when artillery and machine guns maintained a duel for 40 minutes across the river between Thakhek and Nakhonpanom. Over 100 shells landed in Thailand but there were no casualties or damage.

Another machine gun duel occurred between the French at Viengchandra and the Thais at Nongkal. The French used five launches full to capacity with soldiers to make a feint landing. The only casualty on the Thai side was a private who injured a finger. Two French soldiers were seen to fall.

A High Command communiqué says that Thai forces repulsed the French troops which, for the first time, entered Thai territory on December 20 at Klongkru near Nakhonpanom.

The communiqué said that the French shelled Donnabon in the same sector on December 21, and that there was a machine-gun duel on December 20 at Banang where a number of Moroccan troops were killed, but there were no casualties on the Thailand side.

The French version says Thai artillery sent 60 shells on Viengchandra during a three-hour bombardment and 10 shells on Thakhek. The French replied with 150 shells.

Luang Cheepsoek, Thai Consul at Saigon, has been given a permit to go to Bangkok by sea, indicating that Hanoi has established communications with the French Minister at Bangkok. M. Garreau, although Hanoi officials deny they have made contact. Last week the French threatened to keep Cheepsoek at Saigon until they heard from M. Garreau who, it was alleged, was being held in Bangkok.—United Press.

Artillery Harasses Italians

FROM PAGE ONE

from Sidi Barani. At Sidi Barani the Italians had erected as elaborate defences as they could in the two months they were there. Bardia on the other hand, has been defended ever since the Italians arrived in Libya. There are permanent fortifications running round it for some seven or eight miles in every direction. There are also a large number of coastal defence guns. The importance of Bardia is shown in a recent Rome broadcast which said: "The defence of Bardia is not only the defence of Libya, but also of Fascism."

Minor Port

Bardia's port is only of minor importance. Two ships can go in at one time but there is only a small pier with about ten feet of water. All embarkation and disembarkation has to be by lighters and boats and bad weather easily interferes with such operations. There is actually no port of any size between Alexandria and Tobruk. The Sidi Barani anchorage is entirely exposed and there is only a small pier at which boats can land.

To embark the Italian prisoners the navy had a very difficult job requiring a large organisation. At Mersa Matruh ships of any size have to stay out at sea. There are two jetties with about 12 feet of water.

9 Feared Dead In Tokyo Blaze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Domei).—Nine persons were believed to have been burnt to death and eight received injuries early this morning when a fire which started from a café in Shiba Ward destroyed two houses and partially damaged another. The fire was extinguished at 2 a.m. Nine persons were found to be missing after the fire had been put out.

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A total of \$1,510,447.75 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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The S. C. M. Post has received the following donations to the British War Organisation Fund—"Lost Bet", \$10; "In Aid of Charity"

A total of 500 tickets were sold by the energetic Committee of ladies under the Chairmanship of Mrs. L. Shu-fan for the Christmas Ball in aid of Refugee Farmers which was held at the Peninsula Hotel last month.

With the sale of competition tickets, programmes, advertisements and donations a total of \$5,542.20 was received. The expenses were \$1,412.70. The total proceeds of \$2,129.41 will be added to the funds of the Shum Chun Rural Welfare Centre to give aid to the farmers from China to assist them in earning a living in the New Territories where they have sought refuge.

Besides expressing deep appreciation for the support of the cause by all those who attended the Ball, and thereby helped to make it a success, the Chairman, Mr. Percy Chen, and the Executive Committee wish particularly to thank the ladies of the Ball Committee who took part in the organisation.

They were: Chairman, Mrs. Florence L. Shu-fan; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Tan Tong-po; Mrs. Li Tse-long; Mrs. T. N. Chai; Finance Committee, Mrs. K. Chiu, Mrs. Phyllis Harrop, Mrs. H. S. Mok, Mrs. D. Rutledge; Publicity Committee, Mrs. Violet Chan, Mrs. Lam Tse-wo, Mrs. P. Corral; Ticket Committee, Mrs. Yvonne, Mrs. M. A. da Silva, Mrs. Fung Kwok-wa, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Lau Tak-ro, Mrs. Sue Ming, Mrs. Lam Ming-fan, Mrs. D'Almeida Remedios, Mrs. K. S. Lo, Mrs. Melvill, Mrs. M. Tan, Mrs. Vawson, Mrs. Dorothy Lee, Mrs. U. Sze-wing, Mrs. George Lee; Programme Committee, Mrs. Sylvia Choy, Miss Alma Ko, Miss Mary Chan, Miss Della Ma, Miss Lau Chan, Miss Jean Ma, Miss Helen Tang, Miss Lorna Mok; Entertainment Committee, Mrs. Percy Chen, Miss Dora Chow, Mrs. Pauline Yee, Miss Gloria Yee, Miss Emily Ko, Miss Elsie Wong.

Grateful thanks are also expressed for donations from the following: H.E. Lieut-Gen. E. F. Norton, the Acting Governor, the Hon. Mr. M. L. Smith, the Hon. Sir Robert Kollek, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. N. Chai, Mr. W. J. Fulker, Mr. M. K. Lum, Mr. Fung Ping-fan, and to Mrs. Violet Chen, The Sincere Company, and China Products Company for the gift of prizes for the competition.

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TEAMED FOR FIRST TIME



"LUCKY PARTNERS", the Christmas attraction at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, brings Ginger Rogers and Ronald Colman together in a picture for the first time. Above, they are photographed at the premiere of the film.

Furness Millions Heir Missing, Believed Dead

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A British officer who was reported "missing, believed dead," is named the chief heir to the Furness millions.

He is the Hon. Christopher Furness, son of Viscount Furness, shipbuilder and industrialist, who died in October, leaving unsettled estate valued at over £3,661,000, of which £1,850,000 estate duty has been paid.

Viscount Furness left seven-eighths of the residue of his property on trust for his son Christopher.

It was revealed here to-day that in spite of far-reaching inquiries, no news of Christopher has been received since he fell leading his platoon in France on May 24. No one has seen him dead. There is no information of his being a prisoner of war. Inquiries in France have had no result.

It is considered that succession to the title cannot be determined until the end of the war. In the event of the death of Christopher Furness being presumed, the new Lord Furness will be the 11-year-old William Anthony, son of the Viscount by his second wife, now Mrs. Thelma Converse.

William Anthony was bequeathed the remaining eighth of the residue of the Viscount's property.

Manslaughter Charge

Five Traffic Deaths

The death of five Chinese was the subject of a case this morning when Tung Sung, 30, of 102, Sai Yung Choi Street, second floor, of Ma Meila Village, British Territory, was charged before Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Court of the District Office South this morning with manslaughter.

Defendant was the driver of a motor bus. He was charged with unlawfully killing Li Sang, Ho Ku, Lau Po, Lau Mo and Wong Chuen on December 10, at Castle Peak Road. Defendant was also charged with driving without due care and caution on the same date and place.

Sub-inspector Brittain, of the Kowloon Traffic Department, asked the Witness for a week's remand and the transfer of the case to the Kowloon Magistracy. Brittain said that all the witnesses were from the New Territories and it would be more convenient to hold the case in Kowloon. A remand of one week with bail at \$500 and a transfer of the case to the Kowloon Magistracy was granted.

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LETTERS

Music Hall 1940

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I am writing on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Garrison Concert Party to ask you to publish in your Correspondence Column our thanks to all those members of the Public who supported our show "Music Hall 1940" at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

Their valuable support enabled us to send H.K. \$500 to the Bomber Fund and H.K. \$500 to the B.W.O.F. R. E. T. St. John, Captain, Hon. Sec., The Garrison Concert Party.

Invitation to Seafarers

Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me to extend through your newspaper a very hearty invitation to Seafarers to attend the Christmas Dinner and entertainment at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Christmas day at 7 p.m. Men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy will be equally welcome.

I would like also to thank those people who have contributed to the cost of our Christmas festivities, and also the following firms most of which have sent gifts in kind: Messrs. B.A.T., S. Watson, Shevan James, Jardine Matheson, Nestle, Harry Wicking, Wm. Powell, Caldbeck Macgregor, Kelly and Walsh, Davis Boag, John Hutchinson, Mr. Lamb (B. and S.), Loxley's.

For this seasonable help we are most grateful.

Cyril Brown, Chaplain.

A.R.P. Inspection

Sir,—I would very much appreciate it if you would permit me to express through your columns my grateful thanks to both the large and small firms in the Colony who permitted their Wardens to attend the Parade on the occasion of the Inspection by His Excellency the Acting Governor on Saturday, 21st instant. Their hearty co-operation played no small part in a very successful afternoon.

A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS, Director of Air Raid Precautions.

Let Us Get On With It

The leading article of the "Hongkong Telegraph" on the 21st instant was headed as above and concluded as follows: "Hongkong has a part to play in helping to win this war. Let us get on with it!"

This article was obviously written in the hopes of discouraging any further comment upon the situation, but in my opinion there is still plenty which should be discussed if Hongkong is to play its part in helping to win the war.

Hongkong's best help would be financial help, and yet it appears that Hongkong's reserve is being wasted, not only to cause hard feelings, but to cause misery and poverty. Income Tax and Bonus Profits Tax have been introduced in order to swell the revenue to meet the wartime demands, but this end seems to have been already defeated by short-sighted policy, when we take the following points into consideration.

The former Income Tax Department to handle the actual not returns—look sick. The evacuation costs have no doubt absorbed the balance—"What a helpful War Effort!"

The Business Profits Tax has likewise been killed at the roots. How is it possible to expect this Tax to yield a fruitful revenue after having forced the main spending power to leave the Colony?

Many small firms have been forced to close their doors, many large firms are just managing to carry their overhead charges, and many more firms are working at a loss, trying to hold out until this evacuation farce is called off.

It will indeed be interesting to see how much help Hongkong can give from this source.

Keeping Two Homes

Reverting to the Income Tax, we must bear in mind that as a result of the evacuation, many men have been called upon to keep two homes, and in some cases three.

With this extra expense added to the loss of profits caused through the lack of business, the Taxation Department hope to fare next year? Surely they are not labouring under the impression that the taxpayer will readily contribute to the revenue after having had the expenses, hardships, and misery of the evacuation forced upon them. I wonder!

Furthermore, the victims of the evacuation who have little left to cheer them except for their occasional drinks, have already had the cost of these increased, and it is now rumoured that they are still again to be penalised by a further increase of duties.

Few men's spending power can be termed as unlimited. It must therefore mean that the unfortunates must again be victimised, and forego their drinks, which will result in a decrease instead of the apparently anticipated increase in revenue, also a decrease in sales, thus again affecting the Business Profits Tax revenue.

After taking the foregoing points into consideration, I cannot see how Hongkong is ever going to be any help towards the successful prosecution of the war.

Perhaps these points could be carefully studied and something done to speedily reinstate the Colony to its pre-evacuation state, and then Hongkong will soon be in a position to play its part, not "let us get on with it!"

Berlin Casualties

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (U.P.).—Informal German circles state that the number of deaths caused by the R.A.F. raid last Friday night on Berlin was 30.

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WIFE IS KILLED BY BOMBS

After Alleged Murder Attempt

A woman, whose husband was alleged to have attempted to murder her in an Anderson shelter, was later killed by bombs when the hospital to which she had been taken received a direct hit.

A solicitor, Mr. E. Weale, made this statement at Dartford when the husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, 30, labourer, of Dartford, was sent for trial at Kent Assizes on a charge of attempting to murder his wife.

Mr. Weale said that Mrs. Clark was found lying unconscious in the shelter by an ambulance driver and a nurse. She was removed to the hospital, and an operation performed which appeared to be successful. But shortly afterwards the hospital was bombed.

The ward in which Mrs. Clark was lying received a direct hit, and she died as a result of the bombing.

Sleeping Children
The ambulance driver said that in the shelter lying near Mrs. Clark were her two children fast asleep.

Evidence was given that Clark telephoned for the ambulance and accompanied his wife to hospital. The doctor who operated said that she had every chance of recovering. He was satisfied that death was due to the bombing.

Det-Sgt. White, of Dartford, said that when arrested Clark described how he and his wife sat with the children in the shelter throughout the night of Sept. 1 and 2, and went on: "Before it got light we had a quarrel because I asked her to let me go into lodgings and have a separation. I lost my temper. I struck her on the head with my fist, she fell back as though she was unconscious."

She Designed Mobile Kitchen

A trailer cookery demonstration kitchen, which has been presented to the London County Council by Mrs. William Paterson, was designed by herself.

"The kitchen is primarily intended for educational purposes in connection with the food education campaign, but it will be used for the time being for communal feeding in the badly-hit London areas," an *Evening News* woman representative was told recently.

"Mrs. Paterson, who is honorary organiser of the welfare centres maintained by the Electrical Association for Women, intends this mobile kitchen to show the housewife how a small kitchen may be planned as a labour-saving workshop in which everything has its place."

Use of Wall Space
"Full use is made of wall space to accommodate cupboard for china and cooking utensils."

"There is a special cool cavity for storing butter and milk, and wire racks hold vegetables at the back of a door."
"Wires hold saucepan handles in place, and the front of the water tank above the sink is used as a blackboard for demonstration purposes."

"An oil-cooker is supplied, and the kitchen is also wired for electricity." Mrs. Paterson designed the first of the fleet of seven mobile E.A.W. units, which serve searchlight and anti-aircraft batteries and other war service units in various parts of the country.

LESS WORKLESS; 500,000 Cut in a Year

Britain has nearly 500,000 fewer totally unemployed than a year ago, figures issued by the Labour Ministry show.

On September 16 there were 613,071 men, women, boys and girls registered as out of work, compared with 1,062,218 on September 11 last year.

The September figure shows that there has been little alteration in the position since August 12.

Compared with a year ago the register of men wholly unemployed has been cut in half.

The Ministry has ceased to give details of unemployment in industries, but it records that the only industry in which there was "considerable unemployment" was coal mining.



EMPRESS SURVIVORS—Among 598 of 643 passengers rescued from the Empress of Britain, sunk by a German plane 60 miles off the Irish coast, were those, landed at an unidentified port. Sergeant Peaston, left, was reunited with his wife and daughter.

Automobile Industry's Big Role In U.S. Rearmament Programme

By MACK JOHNSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—National defence developments revealed today the increasingly important role the automobile industry is playing in the rearmament programme. The automobile big three—General Motors, Ford and Chrysler—all are becoming important factors in the building of planes, tanks and guns for an unprecedented peace-time Army and Navy.

The Army and the Defence Commission are preparing to construct one or more huge plants in which to assemble planes from parts manufactured in automobile factories.

Recent defence contracts placed with Chrysler and General Motors Corporations called for 1,000, medium 23-ton tanks and 71,225 Browning machine-guns.

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has accepted Henry Ford's offer of the use of his River Rouge plant, near Detroit, to train machinists for the Naval expansion programme.

Defence production co-ordinator, William S. Knudsen, has asked automobile manufacturers to pool production resources to build 12,000 bombers for the Army Air Corps. This order would be the first to be assembled in the projected assembly plant or plants.

Huge Cost
The cost of constructing the assembly facilities and of the first lot of planes has been estimated at \$2,000,000,000. The new Congress will be asked for the money soon after it convenes in January.

The new assembly facilities will be financed by the U.S. Government and operated by an undisclosed aircraft manufacturer. Defence officials said the plants would be built near automobile manufacturing centres—probably in Michigan or Indiana—next spring.

A Navy spokesman said no details have been worked out between Knox and Ford on the machinist training programme and that it was impossible to determine at this time the number of men who could be given training or when training could be started. He estimated that approximately 500 could be trained at one time, and that the first contingent would be sent as soon as possible. The Navy has but one apprentice school—at Norfolk, Virginia.

The Army has declined to reveal details of the tank and machine-gun contracts with Chrysler and General Motors, having announced only the amounts—\$53,500,000 to Chrysler for tanks, and \$61,398,872 to General Motors for machine-guns.

Tanks and Guns
The United Press learned, however, that the Chrysler contract, on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis, calls for the new M2A-1 tank—a 50 mile-per-hour vehicle embodying all recent developments. It will be equipped with a 37 mm cannon and machine-guns for land action and anti-aircraft defence.

The tanks will be built at a new arsenal, which is being erected at Warren Township, Michigan, at a cost of \$20,000,000. The plant will be owned by the Government and operated by Chrysler. The contract calls for delivery of the first three tanks next July.

Production of 100 tanks per month—the peak—will be attained in November and continue at that rate until the summer of 1942, when the contract expires.

The War Department will pay \$35,500 for each tank, it was learned. That does not include the price of the engines.

The machine-gun contract with General Motors calls for production of 20,004 of .30 calibre A-4 flexible

machine-guns, 9,007 of .30 calibre M-2 aircraft machine-guns, 19,998 of the .50 calibre M-2 fixed aircraft machine-guns, 14,741 of the .50 calibre M-2 flexible aircraft guns and 7,385 machine-guns of the flexible, heavy-barrelled .50 calibre machine-guns.

Production Rate

The contract specifies that production shall reach a rate of 80,000 annually for the .50 calibre type, 10,000 annually for the .30 calibre M-2's, and 20,000 annually for the .30 calibre A-4's.

The contract, which was negotiated late this summer, specified that all of the .30 calibre A-4's must be delivered within 18 months, the .30 calibre M-2's within 17 months, and .50 calibre within 17 months.

The .30 calibre A-4's will cost \$667.53 each, the .30 calibre M-2 fixed aircraft, \$641.71 each, the .50 calibre M-2 flexible aircraft guns \$1,006.29 each and the .50 calibre M-2 heavy-barrelled type \$1,094.35 each.

WARTIME WEDDINGS ENDED

DIVORCE courts in Britain are glutted with cases, and many of the couples are those who married in the early days of the war.

Uniforms and 'war glamour have never failed to result in a number of hasty marriages.

Marriages in this first year of war have increased fifty per cent. Divorces are expected to number about 36,000.

"War is always accompanied by an increase in divorce," an official of the Church Army said.

"This is because many couples who have long been conscious of their married unhappiness have felt that war is such an all-inclusive crisis that it is the appropriate moment for bringing their marriage to an end."

Evacuation Blamed
Evacuation is having a profound effect on marriage. Salvation Army officers all over the country have reported this fact to their headquarters.

"The break-up of families has psychological, emotional and moral reactions which many marriages seem unable to stand," say officials of the Army.

Wives in reception areas are enjoying a new freedom, and husbands, left behind in the work-cities, are recapturing a lost bachelorhood.

HITLER HAS FIVE IDEAS

Hitler has five big ideas for America. Here they are:

- 1.—To buy up South American Republics by guaranteeing an outlet for their exports.
- 2.—To sink the Monroe Doctrine without trace.
- 3.—To make the United States' load of gold—the biggest in the world—valueless.
- 4.—To gain political control of South America after he has won economic control as in Plan No. 1. And—
- 5.—To make the United States a political appendage of the German Reich.

This ambitious programme was revealed in a book published in New York by two distinguished American economists Dr. Clark Foreman, chairman of the committee on United States economic defence, and Joan Raushenbush.

The book, "Total Defence," has caused a sensation in Washington, where it is considered to be an accurate and objective account of Hitler's plans.

Wanted To See London

Plumber's Boy's Wish

Wanting to see London, a plumber's boy, aged 17, whose home is in Renfrew, took a train from Glasgow and duly arrived in the Metropolis. Unfortunately for him, he had omitted the formality of taking a ticket, and he found himself under arrest.

After a week in custody on remand, he appeared at Clerkenwell Police Court before Mr. W. R. Howard.

Addressing him, the Magistrate remarked, "When you had been before me last week I was afraid your father and mother would be anxious about you, so I asked the probation officer to get into touch with them. They were glad to hear of you, and sent the fare straight away."

"You have now had an experience of travelling, but I am afraid you have not seen London as you wanted to do, because your train home goes in about an hour's time. The probation officer will see you to the train."

"Don't be afraid, because your father and mother will be glad to see you home again and will treat you properly. If you look after them and try to make them happy, everything will be all right. Good luck to you."

The charge was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders Act.

CANADA'S FOOD FOR BRITAIN

An important Government mission from Canada will, I learn, come to London shortly to discuss questions relating to food supplies. It will consist of Mr. J. G. Gardiner, Canadian Minister of Agriculture and expert advisers, writes a London correspondent.

The chief object of the mission will be to decide the quantities of food Britain will require in the coming year and how much could be stored in Canada rather than shipped here at once. Shipping arrangements, methods of payment and similar questions will be discussed and the conversations will cover fish as well as Canada's agricultural products.

In view of the necessity for conserving shipping space, arrangements will be made to concentrate upon the foods of greatest nutritive value in framing the programme of imports.

On the British side Ministers who are expected to conduct the talks include Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping.

BRITISH CROWD MOBS PILOT BY MISTAKE

A British pilot who baled out of his crippled fighter during a dog-fight with German bombers on the outskirts of London, and landed in the car park of a public-house, was mistaken for a Nazi airman by a small crowd of angry civilians, and narrowly escaped manhandling.

He was saved by a 'bus-driver, who noticed the threatening attitude of the crowd and persuaded them to leave him alone.

When the crowd learned that they had nearly attacked a British pilot whose machine had been shot down they expressed sorrow, but explained they were infuriated by the indiscriminate bombing of non-military targets by Nazi aircraft.

The pilot was slightly hurt in landing and was removed to hospital, where he is still under treatment. One of his first visitors was the driver who saved him.

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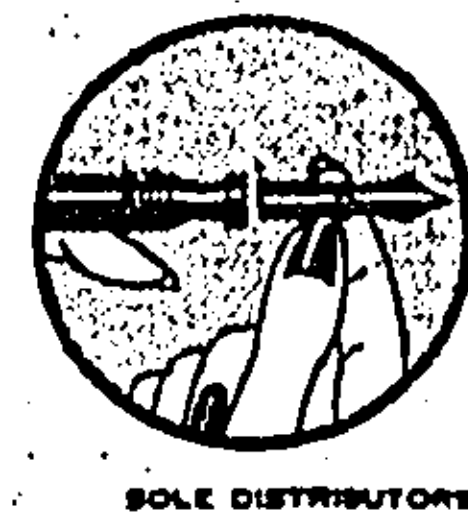
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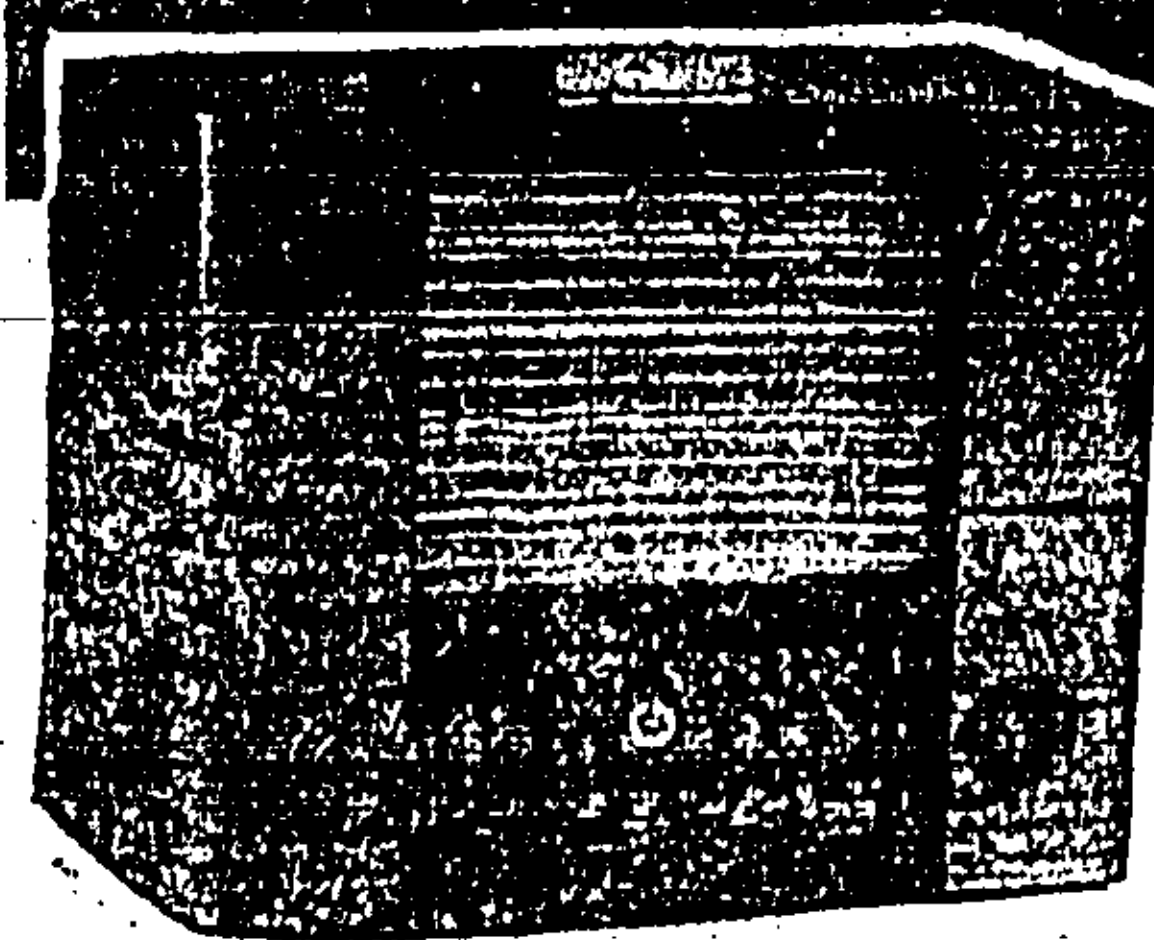
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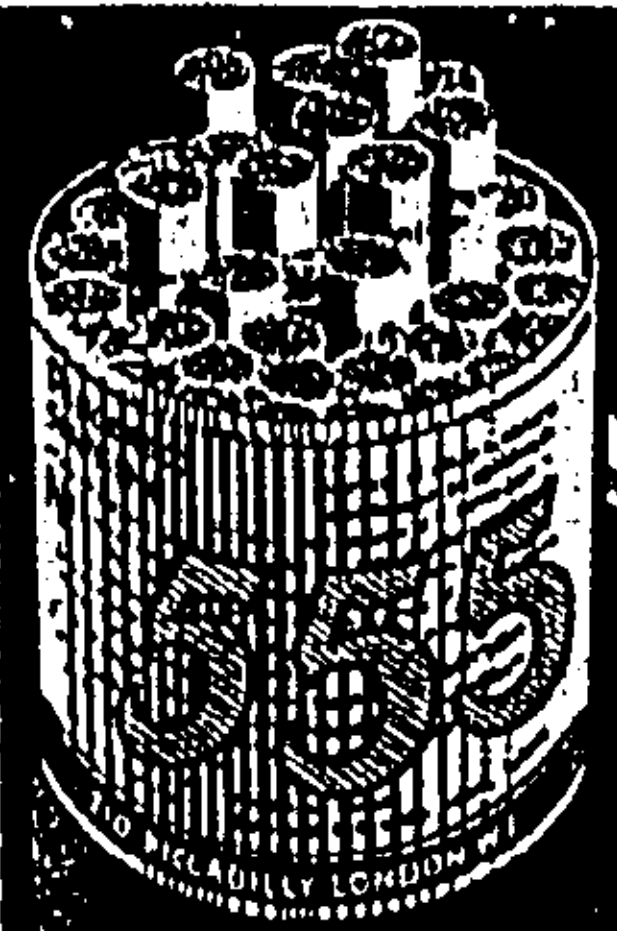
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Planes Over Switzerland

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERNE, Dec. 23 (UP).—The Police Department has revealed that the planes which flew over Switzerland on the night of December 21-22 were English, and that the bombs which fell on Zurich on December 22 were of English origin. The Legation at London has been instructed to protest.

Air Raid Alarm BASLE, Dec. 23 (UP).—The air raid alarm was sounded at 8.40 p.m.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS

In accordance with Government Ordinance, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Wednesday, and Thursday, the 25th and 26th December, 1940. (Christmas Holidays).

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1940.

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British and Foreign 20 cents per copy

25 cents Saturdays.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

What to do to help a child.

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with:—
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The Inspector, 82 Stone, Nullah Lane, 2nd. Floor.
The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.
All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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H. K. T. 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Mantovani and His Orchestra in Dance Music.
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 London Palladium Orchestra and Milhaud. Korjus (Soprano).
1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Variety.
2.15 Close Down.
2.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Dance Music.
7.00 London Relay.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
7.30 Variety.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Vocal Programme by Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accompaniment; Alfred Picaver (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment; The B.B.C. Wireless Singers—Unaccompanied; Harold Williams and B.B.C. Male Chorus; Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra and Chorus.
8.30 Orchestral Selections—Overture "Mansanello", B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; The Enchanted Lake, Serge Koussevitzky conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra; "Prince Igor", Polovnik March, The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra; Fantasia—The British Empire—England—The British Grenadiers; Ireland—The Minstrel Boy; India—Rikhtah; Wales—March of the Men of Harlech; Canada—Canning Song; Australia—Aboriginal Air; South Africa—Folk Song; Scotland—Collier Herring and The Hundred Pipers; New Zealand—National Song; Finale, Mayfair Symphony Orchestra.
9.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad".
9.45 Corelli—Concerto Grosso in G Minor ("Christmas Concerto").—London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.
10.00 Studio—An Abridged Version of Dicken's "Christmas Carol".
10.30 Hutchinson—A Noel Fantasy from "A Carol Symphony"—Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden, conducted by Hely Hutchinson.
10.40 Royal Command Performance.
11.00 Close Down.

Hull Welcomes New Envoy

Statement On Halifax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The appointment of Lord Halifax as British Ambassador is highly welcomed by the United States Government.

Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, has issued a statement to this effect, adding that Lord Halifax's record of accomplishments was such as to commend him to the United States as Ambassador.

Mr Cordell Hull stated that he looked forward with pleasure to working with Lord Halifax.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks \$ 1.380 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) \$ 78 n.
Chartered \$ 84 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. \$ 207 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C. & \$ 108 n.
East Asia \$ 74 n.

INSURANCES
Cantons \$ 200 b.
Union \$ 400 b.
China Underwriters \$ 1 n.
H.K. Fire \$ 157 1/2 b.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$ 135 n.
Steamships \$ 11 n.
Indo-China P. \$ 100 n.
Indo-China D. \$ 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$ 30/9 n.
Waterboats \$ 7 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$ 95 s.
Docks (old) \$ 18.00 n.
Docks (new) \$ 18 n.
Providents \$ 370 b. & s.
Shai Dockyard \$ 37 n.

MINING
Kallan \$ 10/3 n.
Raubs \$ 94 n.
H.K. Mines \$ 1/4 cts. n.

LANDS
Hotels \$ 3.70 s.
Lands \$ 33.60 b.
Lands 4% Debentures \$ 100 n.
Shai Lands Sh \$ 12.30 n.
Humphreys \$ 7.80 n.
H.K. Realties \$ 3.80 b.
Chinese Estates \$ 100 n.

UTILITIES
Trams \$ 18 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$ 7.40 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$ 34 n.
Star Ferries \$ 61 b.
Y. Ferries \$ 24 b.
China Light (old) \$ x.d.c. Rts. 6.99 b.

INDUSTRIALS
H.K. Electric (old) \$ 40 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$ 39 3/4 n.
Macao Electric (old) \$ 17 3/4 n.
Macao Electric (new) \$ 10 3/4 n.
Sundank Lights \$ 11.30 b.
Telephones (old) \$ 26 n.
Telephones (new) \$ 10.20 n.

STOCKS
Caid. Mag. (Ord.) \$ 14.90 n.
Caid. Mag. (Pref.) \$ 12 n.
Canton Ice \$ 1 n.
Cement \$ 18 1/2 n.
H.K. Rope \$ 7.10 b.

STOCKS & CO.
Dairy Farms \$ 10 1/4 s.
Watsons \$ 10.70 s.
Lane Crawford \$ 9 n.
Sinceres \$ 2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$ 30 n.
Powell Ltd. \$ 1.90 n.
COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$ 45 1/4 n.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	BUYING
T.T. London 1/2 1/2	4 m/s L/C London 1/3 1/2
Demand London 1/2 1/2	4 m/s D/P London 1/3 1/2
T.T. Shanghai 415	4 m/s L/C U.S.A. 24 1/2
T.T. Singapore 52 1/2	4 m/s Franco 1/2 1/2
T.T. Japan 102 1/2	30 d/s India 84 1/2
T.T. India 82 1/2	U.S. Cross rate in London 4.02 1/2
T.T. U.S.A. 23 1/2	U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. 4.03 1/2
T.T. Manila 40 1/2	
T.T. Batavia 43 1/2	
T.T. Bangkok 149	
T.T. Saigon 101 1/2	
T.T. France 1/2 1/2	
T.T. Switzerland 80 1/2	
T.T. Australia 1/8 1/2	


Pres. Roosevelt To Speak

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP).—The White House announced that President Roosevelt has tentatively decided to address the nation by radio on December 29, on the "present emergency." He will probably speak from 9.30 p.m. to 10 p.m. E.S.T.

Fewer Shipping Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—The shipping losses for the week ending mid-night, December 15, were five British ships with a total of 30,830 tons, and two allied ships totalling 20,040 tons which is a decrease of nearly two-thirds from the preceding week.

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Russo-German Trade Pact

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (UP).—The Columbia Broadcasting System has released a German wireless report saying: "The German-Russian trade negotiations are drawing to a close" and "complete agreement has already been reached on nearly all points."
It also reported: "It is stressed that there can be no doubt that the present negotiations will result in the greatest and most comprehensive economic agreement ever signed between the two countries."

Knocked Traffic Sign Down

J. T. Pollock, 23, Hillwood Road, was summoned before Mr E. Hims-worth at Kowloon Magistrate's Court morning for driving his car without due care and caution in Nathan Road shortly after 1.45 a.m. on November 21.
The summons was brought out as a result of a collision in which Pollock knocked down a 20 m.p.h. sign in Nathan Road.
Due to the fact that defendant had to pay for the repair of the sign costing him \$51, a nominal fine of \$10 was imposed.

Vichy Minister's Appeal

VICHY, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—An appeal for the restoration of "impairment, armistice, discipline and honour" in all ranks of the French Colonial Service was made by M. Platon, Minister for the Colonies, to-day.
In a circular to Colonial Governors, M. Platon urged "in the exercise of your authority, let all your acts be inspired by the duty which involves on all Frenchmen to take part with vigour and confidence in the work of national rehabilitation laid down by Marshal Petain."

London's Chung Hwa

In a recent report of the bombing of London's Chinatown, reference was made to the Chung Hwa Club which was said to have been founded by the Chinese Ambassador.
Actually this Club was founded by Dr Irene Ho Tung (now Mrs Tseng), and the building was a gift from Sir Robert Ho Tung.

POST OFFICE

* CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
On Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

G.P.O. Wednesday, 25 Thursday, 26
Kowloon 8 to 10 a.m. 8 to noon
Shanghai 8 to 10 a.m. 8 to noon
Sheungwan 8 to 9 a.m. 8 to 10 a.m.
All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day at on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday.
There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Ua Loag.

Small Packet Post to all countries as suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore, etc., Dec. 24.
Canton, Dec. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco via), 3rd Dec. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco via), 6th Dec. 25.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco, etc., 17th Dec. 25.
Java and Manila, Dec. 27.
London and Straits, Dec. 27.
Sutlow, Dec. 28.
Canton, Dec. 29.
Sandakan, Dec. 29.
Calcutta and Straits, Dec. 30.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 1 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 1 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya, 8.30 a.m.
Canton, 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Dec. 26, 11.30 a.m.
Ord. Dec. 26, Noon.
Ceylon, India, Aden and Egypt Noon.
Straits, Dec. 26, Noon.
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta,
Par. Dec. 26, Noon.
Let. Dec. 27, 9.30 a.m.

Sandakan, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

G. P. O. and K. P. O.
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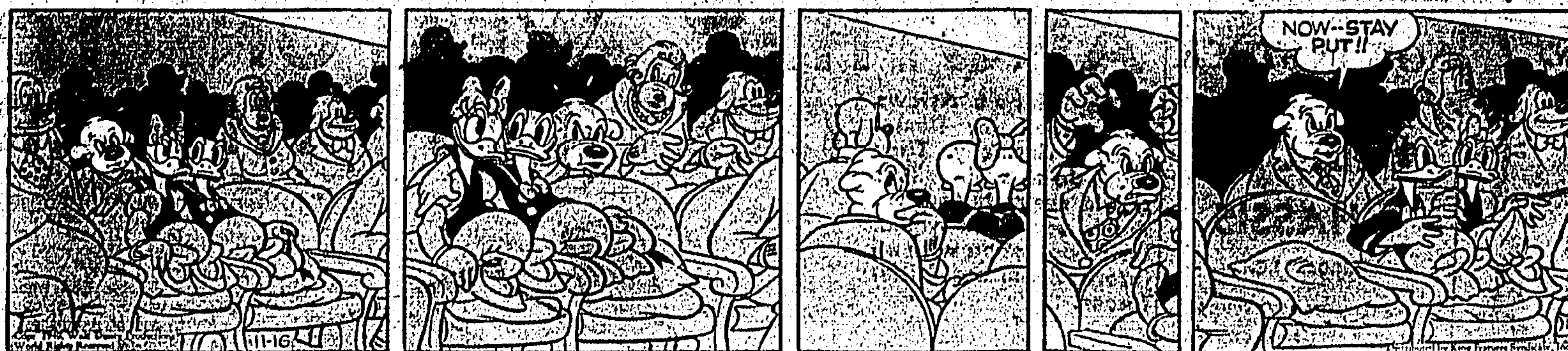
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This is Christmas Eve—Read This Story to Your Children

ON the hills round Bethlehem the shepherds keep watch over their flocks beneath the star-lit sky.

They crouch over the embers of their fire, pulling their cloaks more closely round them, for the night is cold. But a light in the sky makes them lift their heads, makes them wonder whether they are dreaming, makes them cry out to one another. A shining form, another and another, until the air is bright with pinions.

Then a voice, more beautiful than any music their ears had ever heard, with a strange, compelling dignity, breaking the hushed silence of the eastern night.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth

Peace among the men of good-will."

What is it all about, this strange movement of men towards a lowly stable?

Come to Bethlehem and see! The little town, that covers the top of a hill and looks from a distance for all the world like a little toy-town made by a child with square, white cardboard boxes, is packed with people.

A decree has gone forth from Caesar, Augustus, that men must be taxed, and an enrolment made in their native places. The rich have got the best accommodation, of course. They have had themselves carried in luxurious litters, or they have ridden in on camels gorgeously caparisoned.

Poor men slouch along the tracks over the rough hills covered with camel-thorn and

THE FIRST NOEL

By THE REV. LESLIE WEATHERHEAD
famous City Temple preacher

coarse grass, weary and despondent and dispirited. It is another whim of the hated tyrant in Rome that they should make this tiresome journey.

DARKNESS has fallen, but the moon has risen. In the moonlight you can hear the tinkle of a bell tied round the neck of a patient donkey.

His bridle is held by the hand of a carpenter named Joseph, who has trudged all the way from Nazareth. He is weary. And worried, too.

It seemed to him that his happiness was crowned when gentle and virginal Mary, daughter of his greatest friend, and only seventeen years of age, consented to be his betrothed.

But a strange thing had happened. An angel appeared to Mary and told her that she would be the mother of a child, the Saviour, who would be called Jesus.

Mary thought the child might be born soon. The faith-

ful donkey bearing all unknowingly the Treasure of the Ages, trod gently, but the journey had been a long one, and Mary longed for rest.

They had hoped to stay with friends for the enrolment.

Humble folk like Joseph and Mary from a village home did not put up at inns, when relatives would welcome them. But trudging along the last few miles Joseph had hesitated. The relatives lived on the other side of the town. Time was precious.

He must try the inn, cost what it may. But the inn was hopelessly full. The innkeeper would not listen to them. One look at their travel-stained garments, and he thrust them out.

YOU can see them there in the narrow street, its hard cobbles shining in the moonlight. Mary is nearly swooning with pain and weariness. The very beast is trembling with exhaustion.

Once more Joseph plods on. It must be the house of their friends now.

But even the house was full of noisy guests. And it was a one-roomed house, probably, as all the poorer houses were.

Joseph reaches the house at last. It is late now, and he shudders to hear the noise within, but at his entry and gesture the host—a cousin, perhaps, or even a brother—comes out to him.

All the privacy that can be offered is a bed of straw among the animals. It is gratefully and gladly accepted.

There is warmth, at any rate, and shelter, warm milk, and simple fare, and, above all, rest at last.

DURING the night, in the soft, sweet scented hay, in a place made Botticelli, Florentine artist, did the painting about 1468. It is called the Chigi Madonna, or the Chigi Botticelli, in honour of the artist's patron, Count Chigi. The original is in the Gardner Museum, Boston. warm by the breathing bodies of ox and ass, the Saviour of the world was born.

Look, imaginatively and reverently! For here is the miracle of the ages, very God of very God—asleep on the hay.

The world still sleeps, and turns and moans in her sleep. She seems unable to awaken. She dreams sometimes with bright, happy dreams, and then sinks back into meaningless lethargy or the disturbed dreams of the drugged.

When she awakens it will be to find that baby fingers can unlock the meaning of life and point the way to paths of purpose. Baby hands could release us from our bondage if they would only pull our proud heads down as low as the manger and teach us the royal values of humility, unselfishness, and love. These things can give the individual heart the joy which this feverish generation has brushed aside.

So, for to-day and to-morrow, let us remember Bethlehem. The world was born again there.

And one day man will turn, nauseated and satiated, to find his deepest happiness, not in the things that the world calls great and wise and mighty.

He will find it in some moment of wondering awe when it means everything to him that He who did not despise a manger will stoop yet lower and make the lowly, human heart His dwelling place and His throne.

THE CHIGI MADONNA

War flames in Europe, but Christian nations the world over continue to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. Symbolic of the day is this beautiful painting by Sandro Botticelli, showing the lovely Madonna and the Infant Christ. Yet a note of tragedy lingers in the picture. The angel at left presents ears of wheat and bunches of grapes, representing the bread and wine to be used years later at the Last Supper, just before Christ's death. The Infant Christ blesses these fateful symbols with upraised hand.



GERMANY LAUGHS AT OWN A.A.

Messages reaching New York from neutral sources in Berlin indicate the lack of success attending the German anti-aircraft fire.

The Schwarze Korps, the organ of the Black Guards, protests against the wave of jokes at the expense of the German anti-aircraft artillery which has flooded the country since the R.A.F. began its present extensive series of bombings of the Reich.

The anti-aircraft artillery joke has, in fact, taken the place of the pre-war jokes concerning criminals—substitute—"raw" material and other political jokes, the article points out.

The Schwarze Korps disclaims any intention of defending the honour of the anti-aircraft artillery. No such defence, it asserts, is necessary.

Civilians Blamed

It does, however, devote two full columns to an explanation of the virtues of these guns and their crews, their achievements, their importance and their general excellence, and makes a vitriolic attack on citizens so "ignorant or so evil as to seek to discredit this arm of the Service by telling jokes at its expense."

Soldiers who understand these matters appreciate the value of the anti-aircraft artillery, the article states, but the civilian at home is too ignorant to do so.

SOLDIERS OF TRADE UNIONS

Strict, vigilant neutrality and preparedness for any emergency remain the keynote of Soviet foreign and internal policy.

This is the dominant factor determining Russia's attitude to the Axis as well as to Britain and the United States.

Observers are impressed with yesterday's detailed eye-witness account by the London correspondent of the Tass Agency of Britain's A.A. defences.

Trade Unionists

This message, printed by all papers, described the excellently equipped batteries, the abundance of fighting material, the good food, and remarked that most soldiers the correspondent approached were trade union members—a significant detail for readers in a country run by workers.

The message concluded: "The present British air defences are much better than any yet encountered by the German Air Force."

One cannot over-emphasize that provided Russian neutrality is not violated, the U.S.S.R. will continue to trade with all countries.

The creation of a State Labour Reserve is hailed throughout the U.S.S.R. as a most important measure for increasing the country's economic and defensive strength.

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CHRISTMAS, 1940

THE second Christmas of the European war finds the world ill-attuned for the proper celebration of this festival which, according to the Christian teachings, should be a time of rededication in the cause of peace and goodwill. Modern war's most fiendish savagery has been let loose in the past months, making fine mockery of the world's annual plea for kindly brotherhood, and providing the cynics with unlimited opportunities for jeering at ethical ideals.

Nevertheless, so firmly rooted are the Christmaside conceptions of benevolence and charity, that even though two-thirds of the world be beset with armed strife and ill-will, it is possible to believe that the cherished traditions of this festival will not be completely obliterated.

Hongkong's festivities are bound to be more subdued than hitherto, not only because hundreds of homes have been temporarily broken up as a result of evacuation, but in the knowledge that in Britain, relatives and friends will face the dawn of Christmas Day with a fair prospect of being sent to the air raid shelters by the presence of Nazi bombers. Britain will probably spend the strangest Christmas in its history; the Christmas of the front line trenches where the shadow of death is always present. Yet Britain, despite the grim background, will contrive to observe to-morrow in the customary spirit. If anything, the people will probably get nearer to the higher conceptions of the occasion than during peace time; more than ever will be found the desire for personal kindness and the charity of individual effort which demands sacrifice.

The example may be well followed by Hongkong; the time is not meet for riotous celebration, but for chivalrous and sincere endeavour on behalf of those less fortunate; it is possible for the Colony to make the old-time Christmas message mean more this year than it ever has in the past, for the

ANOTHER WEAPON TO DESTROY HITLER

The Three Arrows once stood for Democracy in Germany. They could do so again. This article suggests that we should adopt this symbol for co-operation with all international anti-Hitler forces.

A NEUTRAL traveller in wartime Germany has reported that he saw one morning on the brick walls of a Düsseldorf factory three arrows scrawled in chalk. They were three parallel arrows, equal in length, pointing downwards from right to left.

Eight years ago that sign was as well known in Germany as the Nazi Swastika. It was the one symbol which might have defeated the Swastika.

Eight years ago there was still hope in Germany. The three arrows were the outward sign of the rising temper of all classes against the powerful and irresponsible gangsterdom of the Nazis.

It was the last throw of the German Socialist movement and it nearly came off.

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Up till the opening of 1932 no organised opposition threatened Hitler. Each party in the Reichstag had for many years boasted its own colours and its own insignia. Some even organised small scale corps of political shock troops—but they were little more than chuckers-out for their meetings.

Then in a quiet, working-class suburb of Berlin an ex-soldier, thin and spectacled, planned a rival force to the Nazi Storm Troops. His name was Max Holtermann and he gave the title "Iron Front" to his still unorganised body of devoted anti-Nazis. They adopted the sign of the three arrows (Drei Pfeiler) as their badge and the simple slogan "Freedom" (Freiheit) for their greeting.

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By July, 1932, every section of the working-class movement had rallied to this new opposition. Its meetings were addressed by speakers of widely different parties—but they all had one thing in common—hatred of Fascism. The Iron Front became the first effective Popular Front movement in the post-war world; Liberals, Catholics, Socialists and even Communists wore the three arrows. But its backbone was found among the German ex-Servicemen.

Devil's Isle Abandoned By Troops

Hollow-Eyed, fever-ridden fugitives from Cayenne, notorious prison colony in French Guiana, who have reached St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands, in a small boat, revealed that the French troops and police stationed there have abandoned the settlement in a body.

They have gone to enlist under General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces.

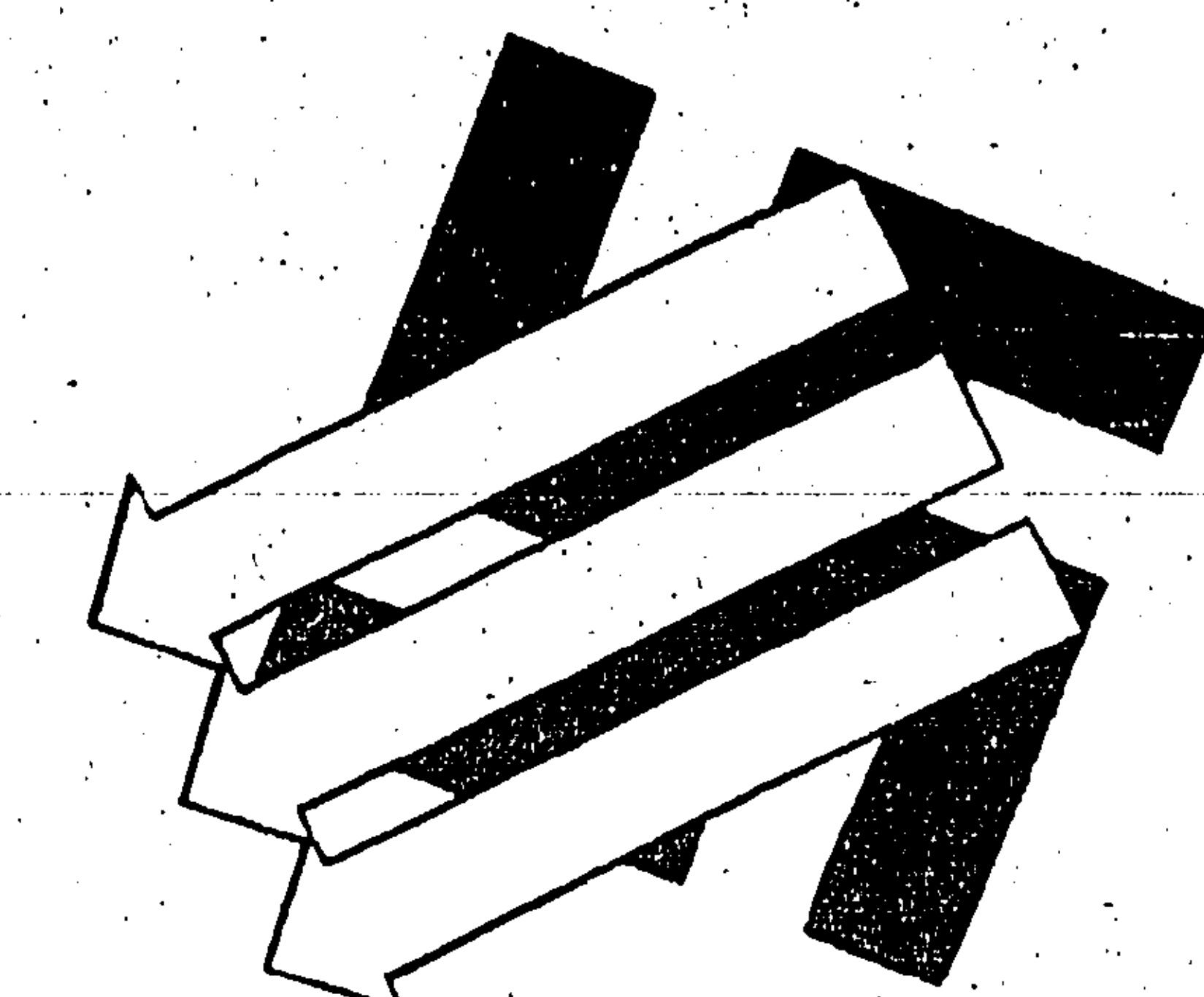
Henri Roulet, leader of the fugitives, told the authorities at St. Thomas that the only prisoners now remaining are 300 at Devil's Island.

All those at Cayenne itself, he said, have been liberated.

Many Germans and Italians have arrived at Cayenne, said Roulet, and are trying to establish order.

Devil's Island, one of the most notorious penal settlements in the world, was the place of detention of Dreyfus, till he was cleared, after twelve years, of the false accusation of treason.

fight that is being waged by Britain, her empire and her allies is none other than the realisation of the Angels' exhortation, "Peace on earth, good-will toward men."



Even in 1932 it was clear as daylight to the rank and file democrats in Germany whither Nazidom was leading. And they knew the Nazis could only be fought with their own weapons.

So it was that by July eight years ago one could not travel in Germany without seeing in every street of every town some form of that simple and powerful emblem—the three arrows.

They were chalked on the pavements, and worn in button-holes; small paper arrows taking up no more space than a visiting card would be found lying on doorsteps, in the road, on bus

seats and on the tables in the beer halls.

Thirty million paper arrows were stamped-out; many were gummed and stuck on shop windows, on motor-cars and railway trains. Rubber shoes were soled with the impression of the three arrows; small pennant flags on bicycles and hanging banners in the streets carried the three silver arrows on a red field.

And together with the arrows went a new fearlessness among the ordinary, decent citizens of Germany. The Freiheit greeting was exchanged as freely and proudly as the Heil Hitler. And man for man the Iron Front was a finer army than the numerically superior battalions of the Nazi Storm Troopers.

The tragedy of this eleventh-hour expression of the loathing

that every decent German felt for the whole ramshackle Hitler movement was that it came too late. Its fate was the fate of all those countries that too late resolved to defy Nazism—it was beaten up. The Brown-shirts had the machine-guns.

But the arrows are still being chalked up on the walls of that Düsseldorf factory—and if there, why not on many others? Those arrows are still cherished in Germany by brave men who have not forgotten.

Does this not suggest anything to us who are now fighting Hitler with every ounce of

By Paul Reilly

our resources? Does it not show us who in Germany could and would be our allies if only they felt sure that we English would speak to them in a language they know and understand?

Heaven knows how many people in England are waiting for some move from our side to give just a little encouragement to the anti-Hitler forces in Germany, some definition of our aims besides victory and the liberation of subjected nations.

Here in the three arrows of democratic Germany we have the symbol of unity and common cause that is needed to convince the world that we are fighting this war under a wider banner than the Union Jack.

If we in England adopted the Three Arrows as our battle standard; if we were to make

the first arrow stand for "No Surrender and no Compromise with Fascism anywhere"; the second for "People before Property," and the third for "World beyond War," we would have three simple and honourable aims which must appeal, not only to our own masses, but to the masses of German workers and liberals and Catholics who hate and loathe Hitler, but who dare not oppose him because they witness, as yet, no cause with appeal strong enough to supplant him.

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Look ahead a step. Assume that we in England have accepted those three broad planks to our platform. How could we use them? Primarily for propaganda—but how? Let us, to start with, paint them on the wings of our bombers.

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To-day the German Rhineland workers see bombers with the three circles of Britain on their wings. They may be anti-Hitler, but in war it is human nature for them to be Germans first. Each time a British bomber is brought down over Germany they must at least be thankful.

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But imagine what would be their feelings if they saw their own three arrows blazoned on our bombers' wings. The war would change for them. It would not be Britain against Germany—but Britain and the old Germany they loved against Hitler and the new Germany they are forced to accept.

Then in France what would these three arrows of international anti-Fascism stand for? For those three historic principles which Petain has seen fit to discard—Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Let all our leaflets and propaganda to France bear that stamp. And over other countries let us proudly proclaim that we stand for three just precepts at which no civilised man can cavil.

The time will come later when the details of the new world order will be proposed—but let us at first accept in broad outline the three basic principles of "No Surrender," "People before Property," and "World beyond War." When we have done that and have offered an equal partnership in victory to all anti-Fascists of whatever race, we can look forward to a speedier end to this war and a juster peace after it is over.

I Sailed In A CHILDREN'S SHIP

By
Doris
Buchanan

I HAVE just completed the most extraordinary Atlantic crossing I have ever made; certainly the most thrilling.

First, two days lying at anchor in a British port while our party was being collected. In our "party" were four ships—two big liners ultimately bound for New York, ourselves and our sister ship for Canada. Nearly were the two warships—our boy friends—who were to escort us through the danger zone to a point beyond Ireland. We were then to be left to zig-zag our course at top speed, relying on our own guns to guard us against the German raider that is molesting traffic farther south.

THE AIR GUARD

At last we steamed away, heading towards a convoy of 30 cargo boats that were dotted along the horizon. Soon they were behind us, diminishing to mere specks again as we sped into the straits between Ireland and Scotland.

Overhead a coastal aeroplane zoomed as if to relieve the boredom of his patrol; the pilot dived first on one side of us and then on the other. He and his crew waved from the cockpit while our children whooped with frantic delight and ran from one side of the ship to the other. They will remember that "plane all their lives, though only the older ones know why they have been so suddenly uprooted from their homes.

Our ship—all four ships indeed—were filled with children and their mothers. This was not the Government's scheme, but the scores of families who were going out to the New World on their own initiative. They were going to friends, to

friends of friends, or simply to people who have offered them hospitality. Each had £10—even the six-month-old baby. This was all the capital they could take with them to face the future.

That £10 took us a great leveller socially. The money was deposited with the purser for safe-keeping. If we took to the boats it would not matter much, and if not it would not be frittered away en route.

So we spent no money beyond buying a few sweets for the children.

No one smoked. There were no cocktails, no deck games, no fancy dress or sports (except for the kiddies, for which we all contributed sixpence to buy prizes).

Otherwise we built bricks in the nursery, played easy card games in the lounge and "Nuts in May" on deck.

FINE YOUNGSTERS

THE youngsters were a fine, clean-limbed lot, full of high spirits, and already disciplined into courteous manners.

Paulin but we carried them with us everywhere, so the ship had an untidy look. People had some falls stumbling over them.

We slept partly dressed and no one risked having a bath while we were still in the Irish danger zone.

The plan was to have cap, coat, shoes and rug lying in readiness, and to be able to reach the life-boat in three minutes.

The problem was more complicated for mothers with several children, but they found plenty of friends to help.

It was this neighbourliness and kindness that made this voyage unlike any other.

ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

EXCEPT for a few Canadians like myself who were returning home, all were literally "in the same boat." All were going out into the unknown to start life anew, just as my great-great-grandfather did over a century ago.

He and his family went in sailing boats and endured hardships. To-day I had the luxury of a modern liner. But there was this in common—the danger and uncertainty of the future were much the same. It was the British race as of old—without a trace of fear or panic, and an indomitable sense of humour.

The majority of the women had left their husbands behind in Great Britain and had sailed forth for the sake of their children.

Others were British refugees from Holland, Belgium, France and the Channel Islands.

In every case there was a cheerful determination to make good in the New World, just as they had already done in the Old.

CHURCHILL TELLS ITALIANS HOME TRUTHS ABOUT LEADER MUSSOLINI

Empire Air Scheme Is Ahead Of Schedule

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Empire Air Training Scheme in Canada is well ahead of schedule, it was revealed today by Colonel J. L. Ralston, Canadian Minister of Defence, who is visiting England for discussions with the Government and the military authorities.

Colonel Ralston said that the Air Training Scheme called for 104 schools and institutions of various sorts by next autumn. "I am in a position to say that these establishments will be completed six months earlier than the programme."

Plans for aerodrome development would be completed before December 31. The flow of airmen from Canada compared with what was called for, was most satisfactory.

"I have assured Mr. Churchill and members of the United Kingdom Government that Canada is united wholeheartedly—as Canada never was before—in every activity that will help in connection with the war effort," he added.

Minesweepers Ordered

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Britain has placed orders in Canada for another 12 minesweepers. This brings the total number of naval vessels to be built in Canadian shipyards up to 120.

Chinese Supplies Denial

No Vladivostok Route

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The official "Tass" agency has issued a denial of a report published in American newspapers that the Chinese Army is receiving large quantities of war material, medicines and other supplies via Vladivostok and that an American military officer will shortly go to Vladivostok to speed up transportation of war material to China.

The agency says: "This report is fabricated from beginning to end."

BOMBING IRELAND Enemy Planes Do No Damage

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The dropping of bombs in Northern Ireland is announced in an official statement by the Northern Ireland Ministry of Public Security.

The statement says: "On several occasions during the past week, enemy aircraft have been identified operating over Northern Ireland. Bombs have been dropped, all of which fell in open country. No damage was caused and there were no casualties."

SHELTER HIT

MANCHESTER, Dec. 23 (UP).—A high explosive bomb hit a shelter last night in which 450 persons were housed. It is believed there were several casualties.

Manchester Casualties

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The number of fatal casualties in the raid on Manchester on Sunday night was comparatively small in view of the severity of the attack, it is stated tonight.

COURT MARTIAL

Lieut. J. Jackson, Royal Naval Reserve, was tried by court martial at the Hongkong Naval Yard yesterday on a charge of being absent without leave.

Defendant who pleaded guilty, was dismissed his ship and severely reprimanded.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A dramatic appeal to the Italian nation to disavow Mussolini and to follow the House of Savoy was made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, broadcasting from London to-night.

Mr. Churchill also revealed for the first time that messages had passed between him and Il Duce just prior to Italy's entry into the war—messages which disclosed that Italy only took up arms against Britain because of her treaty with Germany.

"To-night," said Mr. Churchill, "I speak to the Italian people and I speak to you from London, the heart of the British Islands, and of the British Commonwealth and Empire. I speak to you what diplomats call words of great truth and respect."

"We are at war—that is a very strange and terrible thought."

Always Been Friends

"Whoever would imagine until the last few melancholy years that the British and Italian nations would be trying to destroy one another? We have always been friends. We were the champions of the Italian renaissance. We were partisans of Garibaldi, Mazzini and Cavour. All that great movement towards the liberty of the Italian nation which lighted the 19th century was aided and was fuelled by the British Parliament and public."

"Our fathers and our grandfathers longed to see Italy freed from the Austrian yoke and to see all minor barriers in Italy swept away so that the Italian people and their fair land might take their honoured place as one of the leading Powers upon the continent, and as a brilliant and gifted member of the family of Europe and of Christendom."

Last War Recalled

"We have never been your foes until now. In the last war against the barbarous Huns we were your comrades. For 15 years after that war we were your friends. Although the institutions which you adopted after the war were not akin to ours and diverged, as we think, from the sovereign impulses which had commanded the unity of Italy, we could still walk together in peace and goodwill."

"Many thousands of our people dwell with you in Italy. We liked each other, we got on well together. There were reciprocal services; there was unity; there was esteem. And now we are at war; now we are condemned to work each other's ruin. Our aviators are tearing and will tear your African Empire to shreds and tatters."

"We are now only at the beginning of this sombre tale. Who can say where it will end? Presently we

shall be forced to come to much closer grips."

One Man Responsible

"How has all this come about and what is it all for?"

"Italians, I will tell you the truth. It is all because of one man. One man and one man alone has ranged the Italian people in a deadly struggle against the British Empire and has deprived Italy of the sympathy and intimacy of the United States of America."

"That he is a great man I do not deny, but that after 10 years of unbridled power he has led your country to the horrid verge of ruin can be denied by none."

"It is all one man who against the crown and the Royal family, against the Pope and all the authority of the Vatican and of the Roman Catholic Church, against the wishes of the Italian people who had no just for this war, has arrayed the inheritors of ancient Rome upon the side of pagan barbarians. There is the tragedy of Italian history and there stands the criminal who has wrought it."

Sanctions and Abyssinia

"What is the defence that is put forward for his action? It is of course the quarrel about sanctions and Abyssinia. Let us look at that."

"Together after the last war Italy and Britain both signed the covenant of the League of Nations which forbade all parties to that covenant to make war on each other or upon fellow members of the League and bound all signatories to come to the aid of any member who was attacked by another."

"Presently Abyssinia came knocking at the door asking to be a member. We British advised against it. We doubted whether they had reached the stage in their development which warranted their inclusion, but it was Mussolini who insisted that Abyssinia should become a member of the League and who, therefore, bound himself and bound you, and us to respect Abyssinia's covenanted rights."

"I declare—and my words will go far—that nothing that happened in that Abyssinian quarrel can account for or justify the deadly war which has now broken out between us."

Italy's Needless Acts

"Then the great war between the British and French democracies and Prussian militarists or Nazi dictatorship began again. Where was the need for Italy to intervene? Where was the need to strike at prostrate France? Where was the need to declare war on Britain? Where was the need to invade Egypt which is under British protection?"

"We are content with Italian neutrality. During the first eight months of war we paid great deference to Italian interests. But this was all put down to fear."

"Now that I have taken up my office as Prime Minister of Defence, I feel it my duty to tell you that I feel a desire to speak words of goodwill to you as Chief of the Italian nation across what seems to be a swiftly widened gulf. It is too late to stop the river of blood from flowing between the British and Italian peoples."

We Shall Go On

"We can no doubt inflict grievous injuries upon one another and mutual enmity once cruelly and darkly kindled cannot be extinguished. It is idle to predict the course of the great battles now raging in Europe but I am sure that whatever may happen on the continent, England will go on to the end even quite alone as we have done before and I believe, with some assurance, that we shall be aided in increasing measure by the United States and indeed by all the Americas."

Letter To Duce

"This is the gist of a letter which I sent to Signor Mussolini when I became Prime Minister. I make no comment upon the Duce's answer. It speaks for itself. Anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that meant to have war. One man and only one man was resolved to plunge Italy after all these years of strain and effort into the whirlpool of war."

"What is the position of Italy to-day? Where is it that the Duce has led a distrusting people after 18 years of dictatorial power? What hard choice is open now. It is to stand up to the bary of the whole British Empire on sea, in the air and in Africa, and the vigorous counter-attack of Greece."

"There is one man and one man only who has led you there. I leave this unfolding until the day comes—as come it will—when the Italian nation will once more take the shaping of its own fortunes."

Army And People

"British Wireless" adds that the Premier brushed aside as an inadequate and invalid reason for ranging Italy behind Nazi aggression the arrangement which arose over Mussolini's violation of the League Covenant in Abyssinia."

"Where in this was the need to strike at prostrate France, to declare war on Britain, to invade Egypt, to attack and invade Greece? 'The people of Italy have never consulted. No-one was consulted. One man and one man alone ordered Italian soldiers to ravage their neighbour's vineyard.'

"Surely the time has come when the Italian monarchy and the people who guard the sacred centre of

ENEMY RAIDED

Mannheim's Seventh Visit From R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Spreading wastes of flame were seen by R.A.F. pilots after dropping their bombs in Sunday night's raid on Mannheim.

Most damage was done in the neighbourhood of the main railway station but there was also damage on the Ludwigsaven side of the Rhine.

The raid was the seventh on Mannheim since the beginning of December. It is already known from sources other than reports of British pilots that great damage was done in earlier raids which were by no means the most severe.

Barges Hit

Rhine harbour was hit and barges were sunk, and it is revealed that the traffic which helps to give Mannheim its position as the most important industrial centre in south-west Germany was seriously impeded.

Mannheim is also a vital railway junction and traffic to France had to be diverted to another and less satisfactory line.

TWO KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—HAVANA, Dec. 23 (UP).—A United States Marine Corps bomber of the SBD-1 type, one of a squadron bound for Guantanamo, crashed today in a torrential rain on a farm at San Luis, Santiago province, Cuba, killing two members of the crew.

Emperor Receives Latham

TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Reuter).—Sir John Latham, the first Australian Minister to Japan, presented his credentials when he was received in audience by the Emperor this morning.

Sir John was also granted an audience by the Empress.

Christendom, should have a word to say upon these awe-inspiring issues? "Surely the Italian Army, which has fought so bravely on many occasions in the past but now evidently has no heart for the job, should take some care of the life and future of Italy?"

"I can only tell you that I, Churchill, have done my best to prevent this war between Italy and the British Empire."

Italian Listeners

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—ROME, Dec. 23 (UP).—Mr. Winston Churchill's radio broadcast was only heard by a maximum of a few thousand people throughout Italy, mainly by foreign diplomats, journalists and the Italians in the Government military service, and Fascist Party workers whose job it is to check on foreign radios.

Some circles predicted that the speech would be published in the Italian press with editorial comments.

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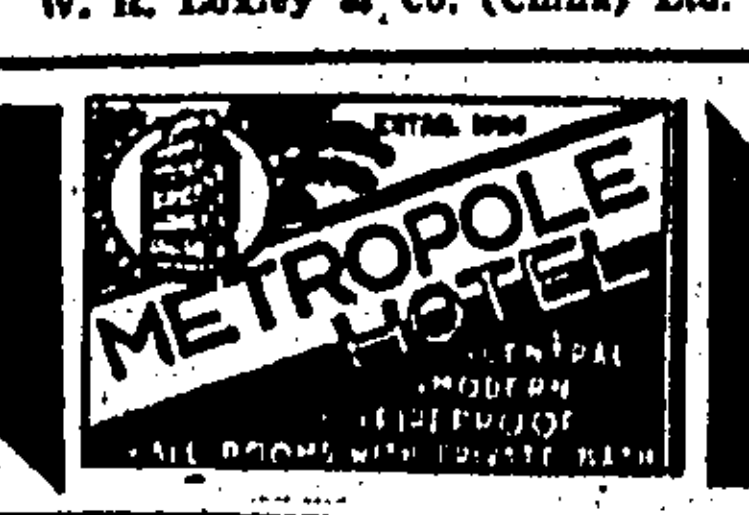
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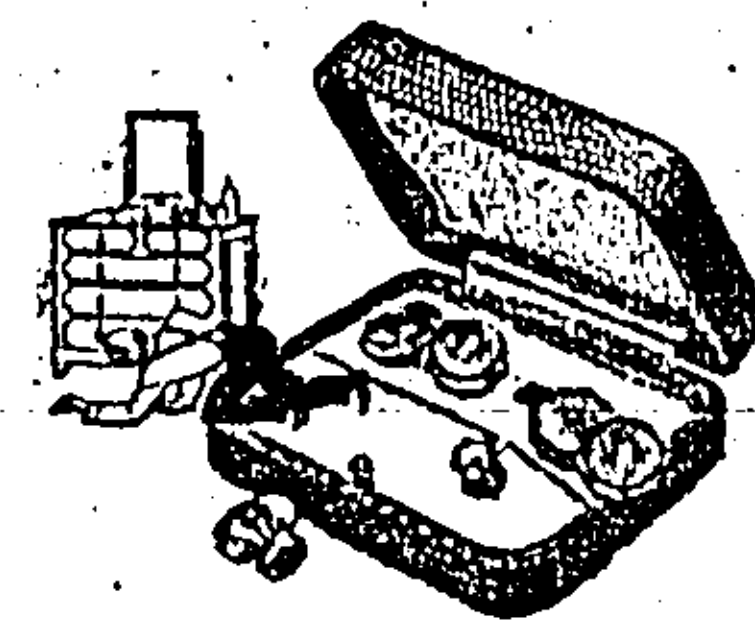
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

Club Batsmen Fail Before Xmas Attractions At Fanling

Kowloon Bowlers Pearce Brothers May Turn Out For Army

Varsity Batting Improved

All the senior teams were in action on Saturday last, but one or two of them were not at full strength. The Club were hard put to it as there was a Ruggar match, and so far as I can make T. A. Pearce and his brother may throw in their lot with the Army. This is in no sense authoritative but I see they are not down to play for the Club on Boxing Day, and rather assume that they will be turning out for Major Grose's side of Wanderers which will, I believe, be largely an Army team. I hope to have a fairly full account of it in the Friday issue of the Telegraph, if all goes well.

The Club were not a strong side and as usual their bowlers failed to do anything. Dewar when he went on first change dismissed Tom Madar and Archie Zimmern, the latter qualifying for twenty cents for the Bomber's Box! But then F. J. Lay joined Anderson and they put on 122 runs. They at no time seemed to be in difficulties and Anderson got himself out bustling for runs, falling to a nicely judged catch by Ride in the deep. Lay missed his century in a most stupid manner owing to a misunderstanding over a second run. If only batsmen will learn to call audibly there would be a lot less run-outs.

Club Crash

With a score of 181 for 5 wickets declared, the Club put up a sorry show. I stood from the fall of the second wicket with Francis Zimmern bowling at my end and there was nothing demonic about his deliveries. He has a trick of shifting out occasionally close, but inside, the return crease, and he occasionally turns the ball quite sharply from the off—Dewar was a victim to one which pitched outside the off stump and hit the top of the leg. But I saw no awer and rather got the idea that the batsmen were short of practice and were not watching the ball properly. Four of them were caught in the slips playing at an off ball and getting it on the edge of the bat.

Goodwin's Return

It was pleasant to see my old friend Frank Goodwin out again and he bowled pretty nearly in his best form, keeping an excellent length and tempting the batsmen on the off—I think he was perhaps making the ball come a little with his arm.

Ride and Kilbee both fell to him in the slips and he should have had another as Parsons (I think) was badly dropped at first slip off him. The trouble started when Owen Hughes after cutting Zimmern very prettily for four played over the pitch of the next ball and touched it sufficiently to bring it on to his off stick. Ride and Haynes left shortly after and though Parsons and Halsey hung on a bit and Dewar also got into double figures it was rather in procession. D. S. Rabb hit brilliantly for 17 and was out to a hard drive to mid-off which Lloyd took. R. G. K. Thompson, who took the last two wickets, is a Malayan cadet, I understand, and was impressed at the beginning of the match as K.C.C. were very short. He has played for the Civil Service and I'm not quite clear why he was not playing for the Club. They could have done with him.

University Delay

Declaration

THE VARSITY batting has greatly improved, and they managed to hold the fort against the Civil Service bowling for long enough to make a draw. They had 31 overs, their score of 138 of 9 declared, and the C.S.C. only had time for twenty one. Excluding extras, which happened to be 17 on each side, the Varsity averaged 4 runs per over and the C.S. 5, which is very poor for the size of the ground. Actually the Civil Service lost the game when they lost R. Chis and N. G. Sen Gupta put on forty for the eighth wicket. Atwell, who is in excellent form this year got 41 and I was glad to see Griffiths show signs of returning to the form of which he is capable by making 39 runs. However, C.S. were still 16 runs behind when stumps were drawn.

Army Fail

I am afraid I am rather out of touch with Army cricket but I suppose they are pretty well all over the place with duties

etc. and can never turn out a regular side. Denyer seems to have lost his form and none of the other bowlers could do anything. J. M. Gosano played an excellent knock for 88 and E. M. L. Soares (30) helped him to add 85 runs for the second wicket. Recrelo declared at 158 for four wickets and the Army never looked like putting up a fight.

Webb (23) and Logan (13) alone reached double figures. Orazio was once again in form, taking four for twenty-seven while L. G. Gosano took three for fourteen. It is interesting to note that Recrelo over 22 overs averaged approximately 0.5 runs and the Army over only two less overs could only manage 3.6—this excludes extras of course.

Dull Cricket

Craigengower seem rather in the doldrums this season and I.R.C. are rather tending that way. The whole trouble I suspect is over cautious cricket though Craigengower have been unlucky in losing people. But an average of three runs for an eight ball over is ridiculous in Saturday afternoon cricket.

I am not prepared to admit that the bowling is as good as all that. I think all the batsmen adopt a safety first policy and wait for a long hop or full toss to leg before trying to score. The result at Craigengower was another of these dull draws. The I.R.C. batting though not enterprising, was not good either and apart from a 43 by Madar and 22 by K. M. Rumball, no one did anything. For Craigengower only E. Zimmern (20) George Souza (17) and Hulse (17) got double figures, but they managed to scuffle a draw.

Level Pegging

The junior teams of the aforesaid Clubs also drew. The I.R.C. batted first and their first five batsmen failed.

They have M. R. Abbas (40) and J. M. Rumball chiefly to thank for being able to declare at 145 for 9 wickets. Craigengower were very in and out, but A. Hung (38) W. K. Way (27) and A. Lock (29 not out) did well for them and they saved the match by two wickets.

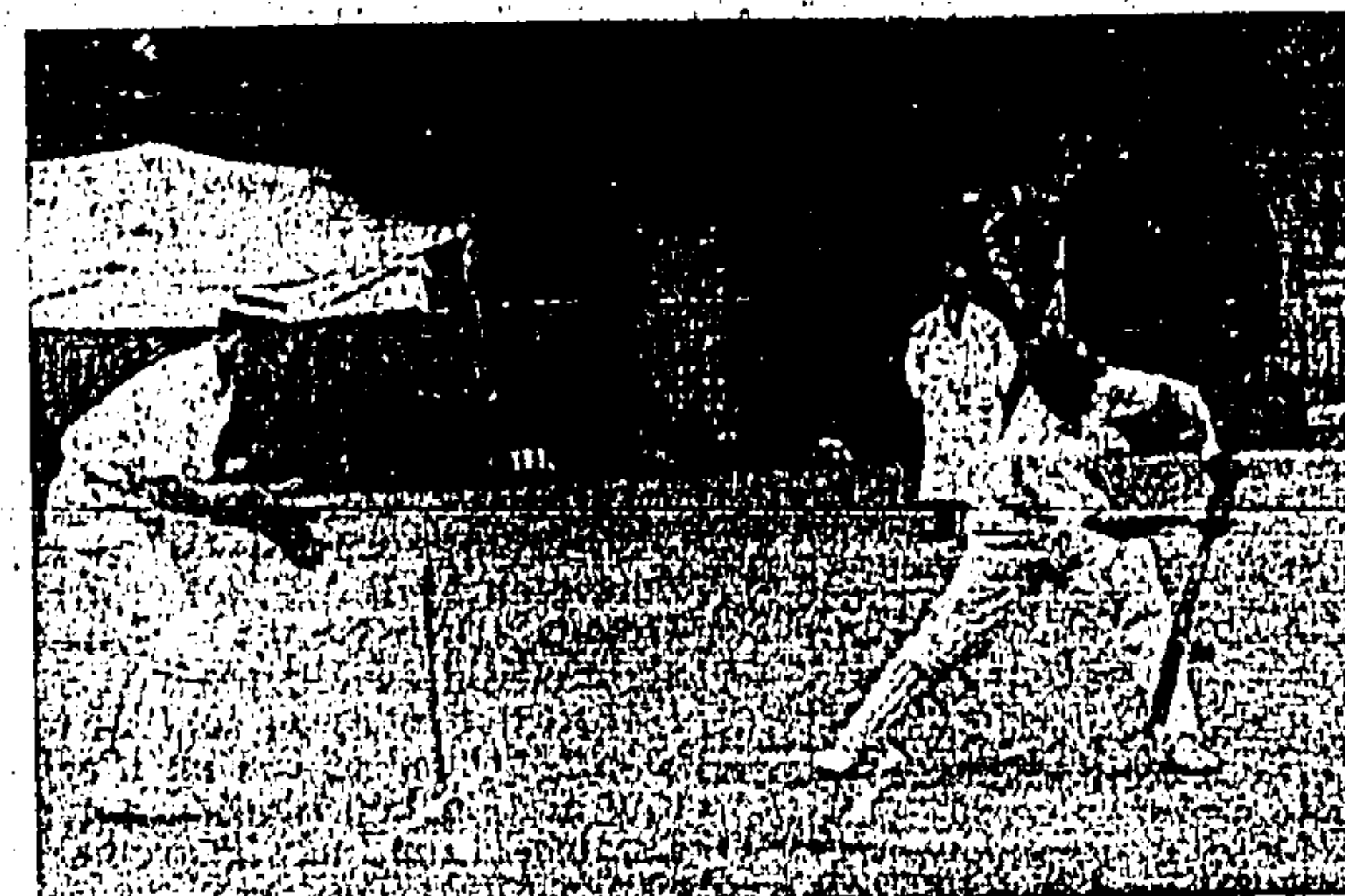
Army Beat Recrelo

The Civil Service second eleven got runs against the Valley and Watson, Lawrence, Barrow and Cunningham all got into the twenties.

But they scored very slowly and had to declare at 121 for six wickets. Naranjan Singh was by far the best Varsity bowler taking 5 for 17 in 8 overs. I was glad to see Barrow getting run again as he has had a "bad patch." The University held up their wickets long enough to draw with 80 for 8—a dull performance.

Police Come Back

K.C.C. did not do so badly against the Police as thanks to Burch (40) S. A. Gray (23) and Curtis (36) they were able to declare at 150 for 7 wickets. Generally one would have taken it as a fairly safe score, but the TURN to Page 9, Column Two



D. Hung (Kowloon C. C.) playing forward to one during the K.C.C.-Hongkong C.C. match at the Club ground on Saturday last. D. O. Parsons is keeping wicket, and J. P. Robinson, K.C.C. umpire, is at square-leg.—Ming Yuen.

Seventeen Entries For Castle Peak Handicap

Jack O'Lantern v. Clownner

THE BEST EVENT of the afternoon should be the Castle Peak Handicap for "D" class China ponies over seven furlongs, and the contest has drawn 17 entries, which must be a record for the Fanling Club.

Quick Despatch Eligible Though Promoted

THOUGH Quick Despatch has been promoted to "C" class after her successful run in the Lingers Handicap at Happy Valley on December 14, Mr Kwok Hla-wang's candidate is still eligible for the Fanling Cup confined to "D" class Australian ponies, because the nomination is protected by that clause "at date of entry."

However the post of honour has fallen on Quick Despatch and Roofly, both sharing the limit load, and they will cross the line in the order I have named. Another Mr. Alex Potts loves the country course and this alone is a good recommendation for big money.

I am not suggesting that Dick Turpin is going back to his native land, but this run of Mr. Alex Potts loves the country course and this alone is a good recommendation for big money.

Ciree and Heinz may also be bracketed under the same category, and I believe Heinz is the best moke to follow.

GLORIOUS STAR MAY NOT START AMONG AUSSIE HURDLERS

THERE is a possibility that Glorious Star (the winner of Australian Grand National) will not be saddled for the New South Wales Handicap, which is a steeplechase over a distance of 1 1/2 miles. Mr. Watson's "chaser" is under suspicion, and it is to be hoped that his mare will be ready and fit for the next meet.

Sea Urchin is one of those stumblers that cannot get beyond half mile on the flat, but over the birch and brush Mr. S. T. Williamson's mare is hard to beat, and it is feared that Lt. Commander Craven will be the Jockey.

The combination will not, by any means, have an easy run, for Teviotdale can get over the fences like a kangaroo. She was not seen in action during the last chasing season, but I can still visualize her success in the Melbourne Cup on March 12, 1939, when she gave a terrible thrashing to Spectrum and Sea Urchin. Colorado Star is new to the game and so is Bleyenburg.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt Reminder

INTENDING participants in the Cottage Club Paper Hunt to-morrow are reminded that the meeting place will be opposite the Kwant Race Course at 4 p.m. The Hunt is open to any who can secure a mount.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Opening Meet Of Hunt & Race Club: Extra Flat Events On The Card

FANLING will be the land of great sporting activities on Boxing Day. There will undoubtedly be a big crowd of golfers on the two links in Sheungshui, game-shooting in Kam Tin, hiking around the Lok Ma Chau hills, and the sport of kings on the Kwant racecourse. The Fanling Hunt and Race Club could not have chosen a better day for their opening meet, and it is almost certain that an army of Yuletide holiday makers will wend their way to the country course.

For the convenience of racing public there will be special trains at 1.08 p.m. to Fanling, returning at 6.20 p.m. to Kowloon. The railway first class return fare is \$2 including admission to the racecourse. Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 and Service Men in uniform are charged at half price.

Whether or not it was due to Capt. Foster's incessant agitation in these columns to have more flat events, I must say that I am not a saxophone player, I leave to the Valley owners to show their appreciation, for the number of handicap flat contests has been increased to four with only one hurdlings event for China ponies and a steeplechase for Australian mokes.

Never in the annals of Fanling Meets has such a heavy list of nominations been received for various contests, and there are ten assigned ponies in each section of the Happy Valley Handicap confined to "E" class China raters.

The Fanling Cup (a handicap flat) for "D" class Australian ponies over seven furlongs has attracted no less than 15 entries, and a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted on the event limiting the sale to 100,000 chances. Mr C. M. S. Alves is again the official handicapper of the Fanling Club, and with him behind the scene we are sure to have some fascinating problems in spotting the winner.

Dry, Hard Track

OWING to the long drought, the grass track will, I am afraid, not be to the liking of jumpers and judging from the forecast it does not look that the weather clerk is going to provide a soft landing stage.

Attention of owners is drawn to the fact that starters must be declared on the forms provided in the Weighing Room before two o'clock for the first race, and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time. Jockeys must provide their own whips, which must be of a type approved by the Hongkong Jockey Club. The Fanling Club will provide spurs, which also meet with the Hongkong Jockey Club's requirements.

win's chestnut created a sensation by paying \$396 for a win.

I like him for Boxing Day's fight, but the handicapper has not been too kind in the matter of poundage. Lucky Eleven has a pull of 9 lbs. and with Mr Peter Wei on the combination should be one of the hot favourites.

Gallant Marshal has been whistled a good dark 'un, but I much prefer National Liberty.

Curtain Raiser Is Hurdle Race

THE CURTAIN RAISER will be the Taipo Hurdle Race for China ponies over a course of 1 1/4 miles and there are 13 nominations. Among the list of entries Clownner, March Brown, Mortmain, Three Farthings and Zero are the "old time" hurdlers, and it looks to me that the winner is to be found in this bunch.

Eve of Dancing, Greiber, Saturday Night and Trunkies are making their debut over the bamboo sticks. Sir Victor's candidate is not a bad hurdler and coupled with the speed on the flat, I make Eve of Dancing the most dangerous contender.

Of course, we have to bear in mind that the boy has not much schooling, and he may refuse or shy a hurdle in his first public outing.

Doubtful Starter

I DOUBT that Greiber will go to the post. The mare was one of those unfortunates who have spent a few weeks on the walking list, and it appears to me that Mr Bradbury's candidate is not fresh on her legs and fit to carry 120 lb. Personally I would not like to take the risk.

Saturday Night (late Prince Charming) and Trunkies (late Morning Glory) were griffins originally owned by Mr Eu Tong-sen, but they have never raced at the Valley for want of speed, and Mr J. Barrow is now the new owner. This is all the news I have about them.

However, my fancy is March Brown who jumps like a cat and

FINAL SELECTIONS

My selections are as follows:

TAIPO HURDLE RACE

March Brown
Eve of Dancing
Three Farthings

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Lucky Eleven
Arabian Cat
National Liberty

NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP

Teviotdale
Sea Urchin
Spectrum

FANLING CUP

Quick Despatch
Roofly
Dick Turpin

CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP

Clownner
Wilber
The Leopard

HAPPY VALLEY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Zero
Lancashire Chap
Ascot Vale

THE FINAL EVENT

THE MEETING will terminate with a scurry for "E" class China ponies in the Happy Valley Handicap (first section) over half mile. My best three are Zero, Lancashire Chap and Ascot Vale and I think they will finish in that order. Don't forget Geordie as a good outsider on Boxing Day.

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ARMED RAIDS ON BANKS

Raids by armed men were made on bank branches and sub-post offices in Belfast recently. A policeman and a woman were wounded.

Old-age pensioners were in Falls Road Sub-Post Office drawing their pensions when four men armed with revolvers entered. Others were stationed outside. Mr Charles Lough, the sub-postmaster, said that one of the men stated: "We are the I.R.A. Don't scream. We want the money." They took about £800 from the till.

Less than 200 yards away £800 was stolen from the Falls Road branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank. Three men entered the bank and ordered the staff to kneel while they raided the till. The Falls Road branch of the National Bank was also entered and about £200 taken.

Two men were seen to hurry out of the bank carrying a sub-machine-gun. The others were armed with revolvers. Two policemen appeared and a good deal of shooting followed. During a raid on Edenderry Sub-Post Office, in the Crumlin-road district, Miss Davidson, the sub-postmistress, was shot in the arm.

Turkey Would Aid Syria

Syrian leaders are assured of the full support of Iraq and Turkey in resisting Axis efforts to occupy Syria and the Lebanon, according to reports from usually reliable Damascus sources.

This is the result of Turkish-Arab rapprochement efforts, in the face of their common danger, cables the "News Chronicle" special correspondent in Cairo.

It is also, apparently, the outcome of the Iraq Foreign Minister's visit to M. Sarajoghu, Turkish Foreign Minister.



AMERICAN OBSERVERS—New York City Fire Chief Daniel A. Doasy, Fireman George T. J. Scott and Chief Fred Wodomyer inspect fire apparatus at London headquarters. They were sent to study fire-protection methods in warfare.

STABBED DETECTIVE AFTER STEALING BICYCLE

A sentence of 12 months' rigorous imprisonment was imposed by the Singapore district judge, Mr J. McFall yesterday on a Malay, Jaffar bin Chik, whom he convicted on "the very serious offence" of stabbing a detective with a knife.

On a second charge, of stealing a bicycle belonging to Loh Soo Teng from the Municipal Services Club in Farrer Park on Nov. 3, the same day, Jaffar was also convicted, and sentenced to nine months' rigorous imprisonment.

A year's police supervision is to follow the terms of imprisonment, which are consecutive.

The story told in court was that Loh Soo Teng, a clerk employed by the Municipality, left his bicycle inside the club at 3.45 p.m. on Nov. 3. When he came out of the club three-quarters of an hour later the bicycle had disappeared.

He discovered the loss of the bicycle at 4.30 p.m. and, almost to the minute, information was laid at the Orchard Road police station that Jaffar and a stolen bicycle were in a coffee shop at Orchard Road.

Two detectives were sent out immediately and found him in the shop.

Struggle in Street

They told him that they would have to take him back to the station, but he managed to get past them, and ran away. Chasing him, they cornered him in Buyong Road, but in the resulting struggle he drew out a knife and stabbed one of the detectives, Low Fong, inflicting a wound in his back half-an-inch long and two inches deep, which kept him in hospital for 12 days.

QUICK CHANGE ARTISTS

Women shop clerks and waitresses in London, used to handling the public, make the best bus conductors, according to the London Passenger Transport Board, which has been forced to replace men on country routes.

GUNNER'S POSE AS A MAJOR

At Marlborough Street Police Court recently Clive Edward Grunspan, 22, a gunner in a searchlight unit of the Royal Artillery, was charged before Mr J. B. Sandbach, K.C., with being in the unlawful possession of a War Department pass, and with being an unauthorised person wearing the Order of the British Empire and the Military Medal ribbons, the Distinguished Service Order, the Military Cross, and the Croix de Guerre.

It was stated by the police that on October 5 Grunspan entered a shop in High Street, Marylebone, wearing the uniform of an Army major, with the decorations displayed on his breast, and a staff officer's cap.

He represented to the shopkeeper that he was collecting money for the purchase of miltens for soldiers and was in command of the anti-aircraft section in that division. The shopkeeper collected 4s. 6d. and gave it to him, but after he became suspicious and spoke to a flight lieutenant in the R.A.F., who challenged Grunspan as to his right to wear the Service clothes and ribbons.

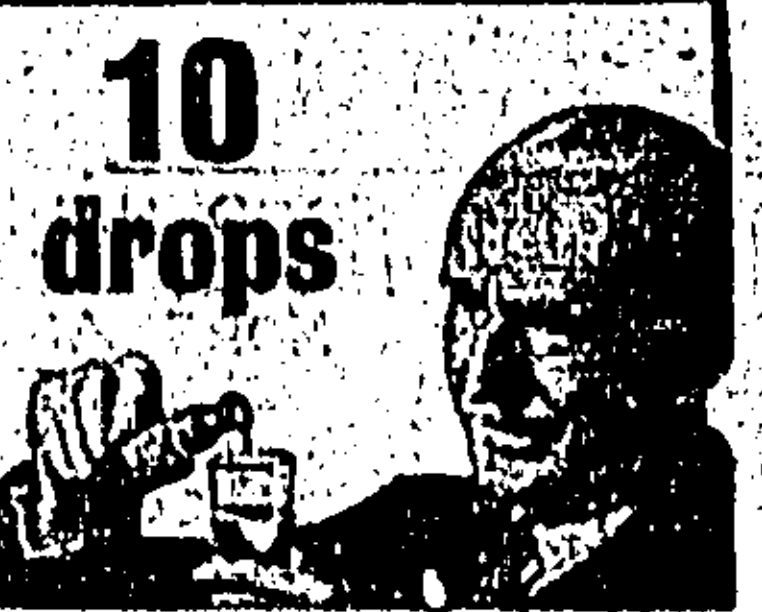
Had Taken Pass

Grunspan produced a pass issued to Major C. E. Grunspan, of the War Office, "for the purpose of investigation." Later, however, he confessed that he had taken the pass from the regimental sergeant-major's office at his camp. The flight lieutenant was not satisfied and called the police, with the result that Grunspan was arrested.

In a statement to the police he said that at the time of his arrest he was dressed in the blue patrole of a major of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, with decorations.

It was the second time he had been detained for the offence of obtaining clothes of a rank other than his own, the first being in France, when he was detained for passing himself off as an officer. The charge was dismissed, and he was later removed to hospital.

Mr Sandbach eventually discharged Grunspan under the Probation Act, saying he was anxious to get him into the hands of the military so that he could get the treatment he obviously needed.



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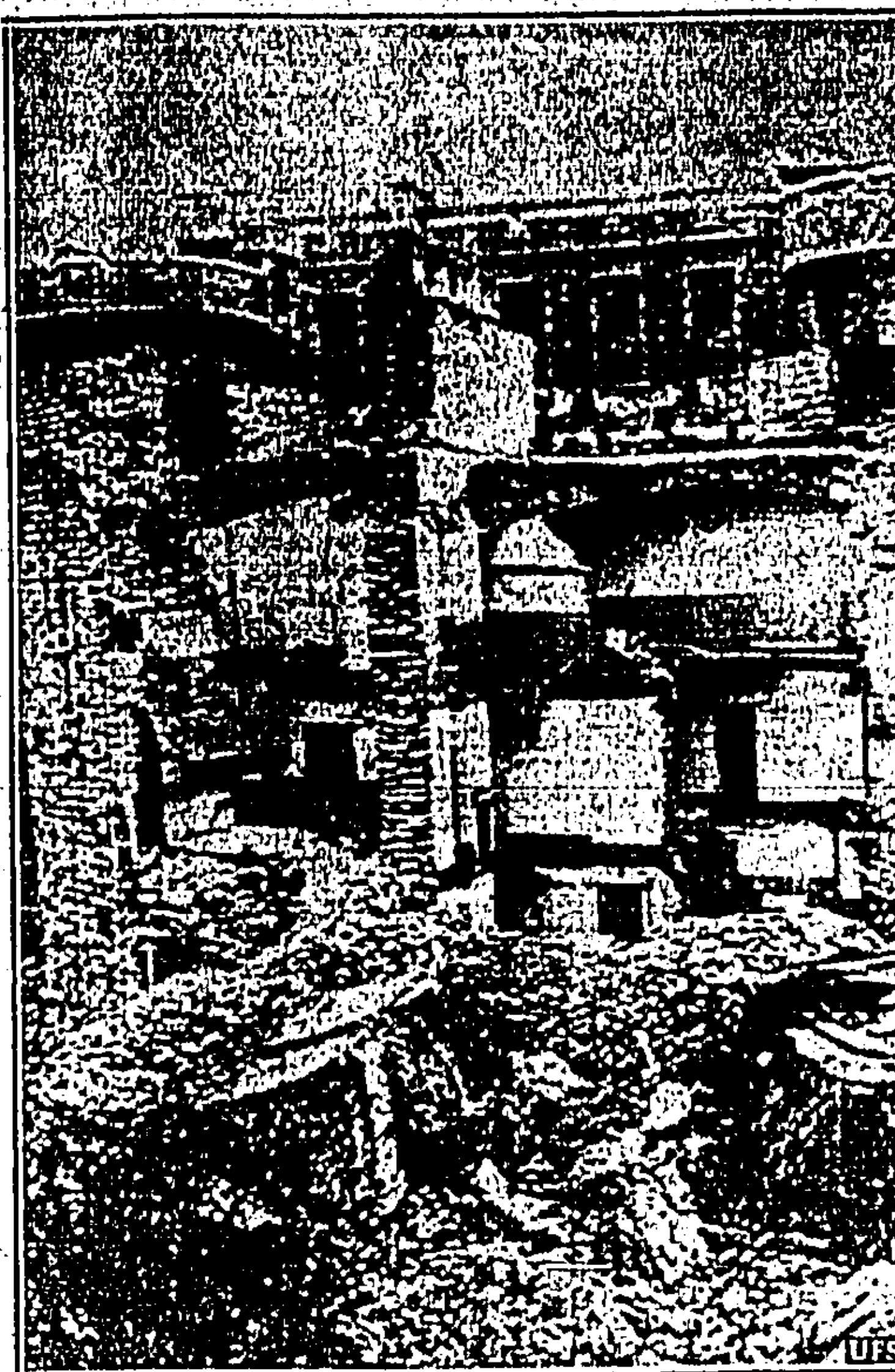
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NAZIS HIT TOWER.—Cable picture from London shows damage to famous Tower of London hit by Nazi bombs. Group of buildings was started for William the Conqueror and since has housed many noted Britons as prisoners.

French Counsellor In Washington Resigns

MAURICE GARREAU-DOMBASLE, commercial counsellor of the French Embassy in Washington, has broken with the Vichy government of Pétain and resigned his post, refusing to obey orders to return to France.

"The present French Government asked me to return to France, apparently with the intention of appointing one of their friends in my place and giving me some other function in the home Administration," M. Garreau-Dombasle said, in a prepared statement given out to the press.

"I have sent my resignation, pointing out that I had remained at my post since the armistice simply because I had never received a single word from the Vichy Administration and had been left free to defend here French interests, especially those of our colonies, without any possible German pressure. I added that I would never accept any task under German control."

"Of course, I am sorry to sever my ties with a service to which I have devoted most of my life. Anyway, during my thirteen and one half years as commercial counsellor of the French Embassy in the United States, all my efforts have been tending to improve and develop friendly relations between France and this country. Our reciprocal trade agreements of 1933, for which I had so many obstacles to surmount, was the reward of these efforts."

Worked With British

M. Garreau-Dombasle stressed that since the beginning of the war now on in Europe he had closely co-operated with the British on all economic questions.

"I shall be always ready to devote my energy and my experience to any liberated part of the French Empire," he continued, "remaining one of the thousands of French unknown soldiers who hope and work for the freedom of their land. It will be the best way for me to express to my many American friends my gratitude for their kindness and their hospitality. I hope to have the opportunity to be of help to the cause of democracy which I served for 32 years."

M. Garreau-Dombasle served with distinction during the first World War, winning the French War Cross and the British Military Cross. He is a Commander of the Legion of Honour.

LYONS EXPLOSION

A German report broadcast from Paris Radio announced recently that a large fire had broken out in a factory in a suburb of Lyons, in unoccupied France, where 1,200 workers were employed. A terrific explosion followed. Police are investigating, and "a criminal act is considered possible."

URUGUAY TRIAL OF NAZIS

Responding to the pressure of outraged public opinion, the Uruguayan authorities have decided to proceed with the prosecution of eight Nazi agents who are accused in an 80-page typewritten indictment drawn up by the Public Prosecutor of conspiring against the Republic's sovereignty.

All the eight have been arrested and will be tried by the Supreme Court.

29-Point Accusation

In effect the Uruguayan Government challenges the right of the Nazis to interfere in the internal affairs of this and other South American countries, for the indictment, besides detailing charges against each prisoner, contains a 29-point accusation against the Nazi party itself.

This includes the allegation that the party approved of a military plan to seize Uruguay and transform it into a German agricultural colony. Julius Daldorf, known as the "Little Fuehrer of Uruguay," is protected from arrest by diplomatic immunity, having been hurriedly appointed Press Attaché to the German Legation shortly before the Congressional investigation started last May.

German Bodies Stop Swedes Fishing

Swedish fishermen have had to abandon herring fishing owing to the large number of bodies of drowned Germans floating off the south coast of the country.

This is disclosed in a letter from a relative in Sweden received by a Scottish family.

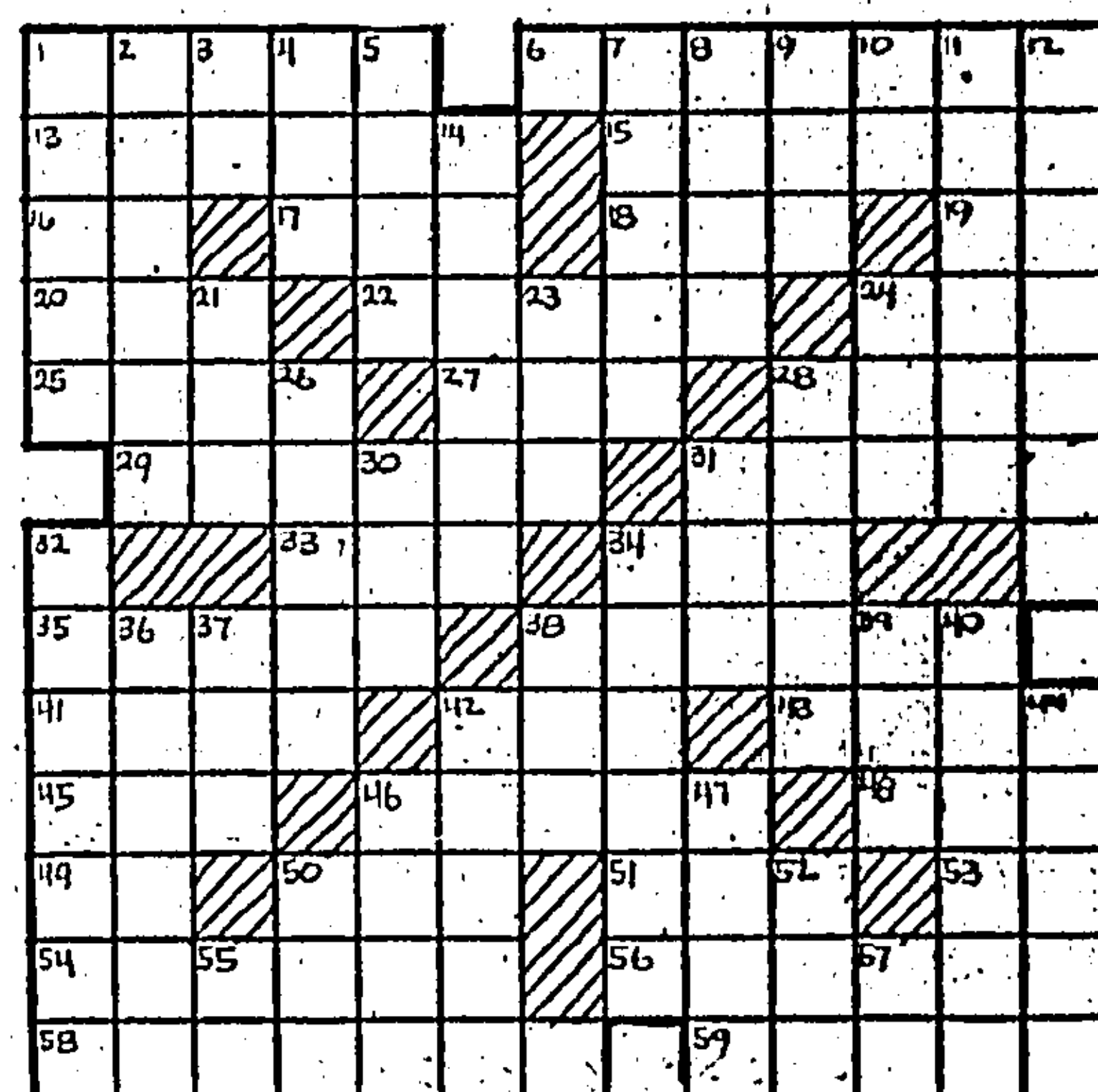
It adds that German authorities have offered fishermen the equivalent of 3s. 6d. for each body recovered, provided the uniform is intact.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1—More pallid
2—In ambition
3—Direct
4—Wandering
5—To such extent
6—The (German)
7—Anguish
8—Teacher of Cain
9—Aunt (Spanish)
10—Treated with medicine
11—Tuscan community
12—Detect
13—Thick liquid
14—Heating
15—Of eastern European race
16—Spanish accent mark
17—Fruit (rhyme)
18—River island
19—Gas in atmosphere
20—Ballroom
21—Taken (Scottish)
22—Devotion
23—Liquid food
24—Animal
25—Grain
26—Nothing
27—Symbol nickel
28—Hunting place
29—Latin descendant
30—Patriotism
31—Urges to action
32—Neatness

DOWN
1—French article
2—Wretched
3—Drooping
4—Assured
5—Men and
6—Was covetous
7—New end
8—Amateur
9—No (rhyme)
10—Peach
11—Wire measure
12—Treaty things
13—Blind
14—Devilish
15—Related one
16—Spooling
17—To the right
18—Policeman (rhyme)
19—No on
20—Deal
21—Leader
22—Men-animal
23—Executive refusal
24—French article
25—Twice (rhyme)
26—No (rhyme)
27—Chorus (rhyme)
28—Terrorism



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Arms Deal Case

Broker Discharged

Henry Chon, 37, a broker, was discharged by Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy to-day on a charge of obtaining \$12,500 and \$2,000 by false pretences from Wong Bor of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay prosecuted and Mr. F. I. Zimmerman appeared for Chon. The prosecution alleged that Chon, in a transaction with complainant's firm and the Central Trust of China involving 100 aircraft machine-guns valued at \$8109,085, had received the two sums mentioned in the charge which should have been handed over to the Central Trust of China, but in fact were not. The prosecution said that it was disclosed that the Central Trust had neither demanded nor received the money paid to Chon.

In his evidence on Monday, Chon maintained that throughout the negotiations he merely acted as a broker and the complainant knew this. Complainant had promised him five per cent. commission on the contract price if the contract was successfully negotiated and the \$2,000 was paid, on account, on July 12. The \$12,500 was only part of the five per cent. he was to receive from complainant.

To-day, Mr. Sun Mau, owner of the Import and Export firm of Mun Sang, said that he remembered going with Chon to see Wong on or about November 6. Chon had told him that he was having some trouble with Wong but he was not acquainted with the details of the matter.

At the meeting a conversation took place but witness did not hear Chon say that a certain sum of money had been distributed by him to the Central Trust. From what was said witness inferred that Wong was trying to get back some money from Chon. He had not heard Chon suggest that he would re-pay Wong in instalments of \$1,000 a month.

This concluded the case for the defence and following submissions on facts by Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Lowry said that in a case of this kind three things had to be proved. These were, the making of the false pretence, falsity, and attempt to defraud.

Mr. Lowry went through various aspects of the evidence and said that for him to convict it was necessary for him to be beyond reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the defendant and in this case he was not beyond that doubt.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: With the approaching holiday season a smaller volume of business was recorded, with a steady under-tone prevailing.

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Bank of East Asia \$74
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Wharves \$93
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Trams \$17.70
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Electricity \$33.75
Sundakan Lights \$11.30
Ropes \$7.05
Watsons \$10.50
Entertainments \$7
Constructions "O" \$1.60

Sellers
Wharves \$95
Hotels \$3.75
Trams \$18
Dairy Farms \$19.25
Watsons \$10.75
Vibro Piling \$7.70

Sales
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan \$7.50
Providents \$5.70
Hotels \$3.05
Trams \$17.80
Cements \$18.50
Watsons \$10.50

CHRISTMAS AMNESTY

Manila, Dec. 23.
President Quezon has granted a Christmas pardon to 159 prisoners at Bilibid, including Gerardo de Beaumont, Chancellor of the Spanish Consulate, who was sentenced to six months in October for embezzling P2,000 from the Consulate funds. De Beaumont will be asked to leave the Philippines immediately.—United Press.

Artillery Harasses Italians

FROM PAGE ONE

from Sidi Barani. At Sidi Barani the Italians had erected an elaborate defence as they could in the two months they were there. Bardia on the other hand, has been defended ever since the Italians arrived in Libya. There are permanent fortifications running round it for some seven or eight miles in every direction. There are also a large number of coastal defence guns. The importance of Bardia is shown in a recent Rome broadcast which said "The defence of Bardia is not only the defence of Libya, but also of Fascism."

Minor Port

Bardia's port is only of minor importance. Two ships can go in at one time but there is only a small pier with about ten feet of water. All embarkation and disembarkation has to be by lighters and boats and bad weather easily interferes with such operations. There is actually no port of any size between Alexandria and Tobruk. The Sidi Barani anchorage is entirely exposed and there is only a small pier at which boats can land.

To embark the Italian prisoners the navy had a very difficult job requiring special organisation. At Mersa Matruh ships of any size have to stay out at sea. There are two jetties with about 12 feet of water.

9 Feared Dead In Tokyo Blaze

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 24 (Domei).—Nine persons were believed to have been burnt to death and eight received injuries early this morning, when a fire which started from a cafe in Shiba Ward destroyed two houses and partially damaged another.

The fire was extinguished at 2 a.m. Nine persons were found to be missing after the fire had been put out.

Mr Eden's Message To The Army

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).

In the final reckoning with Hitler, the Army will have a decisive part to play, Mr Eden declared in a message to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, on leaving the War Office to assume the Foreign Secretaryship.

To all ranks Mr Eden expressed deep gratitude for their loyal, cheerful and unfailing help during a period which had no parallel in history.

Referring to the Egyptian campaign, Mr Eden declared that the Army of the Nile's brilliant victory was the first reward of much patient effort no less than of dash and daring. The quality of the Army of the Middle East to command success has been proved in Africa as one day it would be proved in Europe.

Rev. J. R. Higgs Going On Leave

The parishioners of St. Andrew's Church are to lose the services of their vicar, the Rev. J. R. Higgs, for a few months as from early January. Mr Higgs is taking leave in the new year. He is going to Australia and expects to return to Hongkong after a few months.

In his absence his church work will be carried on by the Rev. H. Wiltson, of the Church Missionary Society, who has been seconded by the Society to Hongkong for the purpose.

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Chinese community of Malaya has raised £20,000 for the Lord Mayor's air raid distress fund.

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